

Tandy Heads Radio-TV Agency Fund Drive

FORT WORTH (BP) — Charles D. Tandy, chairman of the board and chief executive officer for the Tandy Corp., here, had been named national chairman of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's Second Step Enlargement Program to raise \$2 million.

Tandy's appointment and acceptance were announced during the three-day annual meeting of the commission's board of trustees here.

The trustees also honored Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City who is beginning his fifteenth year as speaker on the Baptist Hour radio program, approved the selection of Carl Bates of Charlotte, N. C., as speaker on the Baptist Hour for the summer months of 1973, and adopted the use of corporate structure and titles for staff members.

"We are requesting use of corporate structure and titles to help people outside the denomination to recognize the status of the people with whom they are working, and to accommodate the industry from whom we ask so much," said Paul M. Stevens, head of the agency.

Under the new titles approved, Stevens' title will be changed from executive director to president.

During the meeting, James Holcomb, director of marketing for the commission presented a check for \$105,880 from commission employees for their part in the Second Step Enlargement Program.

The staff, more than anyone else, understands the importance of the enlargement program and what it will do for the commission, said Holcomb, who directed the employees' effort. Each staff member participated in the campaign, with gifts averaging \$1,000 each, he said.

"We wanted to be the first to complete a Second Step program, because we feel a deep sense of respon-

sibility for the work of the commission, and we wanted to set an example for the people of Fort Worth where the enlargement campaign has begun," Holcomb said.

The campaign, which Tandy will head, will be designed to provide new radio - television - videotape facilities for religious programming, including the largest studio of its type. It would double the size of the present commission facilities here.

The facilities also will include a center for training pastors of all faiths the art of religious broadcasting, said Stevens. The commission staff will serve as faculty for the training center.

The campaign began when the commission received a \$500,000 gift from an unnamed donor, with the stipulation that the commission raise matching funds.

The \$2 million campaign will officially begin Jan. 1, 1973, and conclude in 1974. The national enlarge-

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Lay Ministry In Government 'Crosses Lines'

FORT WORTH (BP) — A White House aide and ordained Baptist minister told students and faculty members at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here that a lay ministry that crosses national political and religious lines lies hidden beneath the surface in the vast federal government complex.

Wallace Henley, a special assistant to President Nixon, said that as a part of this hidden religious movement in government, a group of White House staffers meet every other week for prayer and fellowship.

Henley, an ordained Baptist minister who once was public relations director for Mobile College, a Baptist school in Mobile, Ala., said his own participation in the group was part of his Christian commitment, completely separate from his work for the president.

At the meetings, someone speaks, the groups talk about prayer concerns for the nation, and then they pray, said Henley. There is nothing secret about the sessions. "The president is aware of it," he said. The White House prayer fellowship started about three years ago, he added.

Henley pointed out that both houses of Congress have a prayer fellowship, as do most federal agencies. "The largest prayer fellowship in Washington is at the Pentagon," he said. These prayer fellowships have pro-

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D. M. Gardner, Former Texas Editor, Dies

DALLAS (BP) — David M. Gardner, editor of the Baptist Standard of Texas from 1944 through 1954, died in his sleep Oct. 25 at his home here. He would have been 86 on Nov. 12. He had suffered a series of strokes more than a year earlier, and spent most of his time asleep. He could not speak, and was losing his eyesight.

Funeral services were scheduled at 2:00 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, at First Baptist Church of Dallas where he was a member.

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'Prayer Amendment' Group Seeks Support In Voting



ROYAL AMBASSADOR WEEK

Royal Ambassador chapters throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will celebrate Royal Ambassador Week November 5-11 by participating in special mission activity projects like this puppet show for children. Most of the 250,000 Royal Ambassadors will help in worship services and participate in components, father-son outings, and Royal Ambassador recognition services during the week. (Brotherhood Commission photo by Tim Fields)

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Citizens for Public Prayer, a coalition of groups that campaigned on behalf of the defeated "Prayer Amendment" last year, is seeking to keep the subject alive as an election issue this year.

Father Robert G. Howes, a Roman Catholic priest who is coordinator of the group, announced here that it is conducting a poll of all candidates for Congress to record their stand on a possible "Prayer Amendment." The poll will be released prior to the November election, he said.

"Few causes remain as non-political as the civil right of free school prayer," Father Howes declared. "Few causes unite Americans of all political persuasions as constantly as a carefully worded amendment to the Constitution which would restore the First Amendment to its original and common-sense wording. Yet, like all causes, freedom of religion will only be brought back to public school children through the tough processes of politics."

As examples of "significant events" during the past year in the quest for a "Prayer Amendment," Father

Howes listed the following:

—In the Florida Presidential primary last March, "more Floridians voted for school prayer (in a special referendum) than for any candidate."

—School prayer is a referendum question on the Massachusetts ballot in November.

—Evangelist Billy Graham has called for a re-hearing on the question of public school prayer by the U. S. Supreme Court.

—The United States Catholic Conference, which opposed the proposed

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1972 WORLD POPULATION: 3,782,000,000

The 1972 World Population Data Sheet covering 160 countries has been released by the Population Reference Bureau, Inc., in Washington, D.C. The summary sheet gives the mid-1972 estimate of world population at 3,782,000,000.

In terms of population growth Kuwait leads with an 8.2 percent growth rate, while Luxembourg has a 0.1 rate. Several Latin American countries show a 3.4 rate.

In per capita Gross National Product, the United States leads with \$4,240 with Kuwait running second with \$3,320. Twenty-six countries show less than \$100 as per capita GNP.

Writer Pictures 'The Evangelical Dilemma'

By William MacDonald
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There is a curious problem today in the evangelical world — one that poses sobering questions for the church and for the individual believer. The problem in brief is this: a great army of personal soul-winners has been mobilized to reach the populace for Christ. They are earnest, zealous,

enthusiastic, and persuasive. To their credit it must be said that they are on the job. And it is one of the phenomena of our times that they race up an astounding number of conversions. Everything so far seems to be on the plus side.

But the problem is this. The conversions do not stick. The fruit does not remain. Six months later there is nothing to be seen for all the aggressive evangelism. The capsule technique of soul winning has produced stillbirths.

Formula Salvation?

What lies at the back of all this malpractice in bringing souls to the birth? Strangely enough it begins with the valid determination to preach the pure gospel of the grace of God. We

want to keep the message simple — uncluttered by any suggestion that man can ever earn or deserve eternal life. Justification is by faith alone, apart from the deeds of the law. Therefore, the message is "only believe."

From there we reduce the message to a concise formula. For instance, the evangelistic process is cut down to a few basic questions and answers, as follows:

"Do you believe you are a sinner?"
"Yes."
"Do you believe Christ died for sinners?"
"Yes."
"Will you receive Him as your Saviour?"
"Yes."

"Then you are saved!"

"I am?"

"Yes, the Bible says you are saved."

At first blush the method and the message might seem above criticism. But on closer study we are forced to have second thoughts and to conclude that we have oversimplified the gospel.

What is Missing?

The first fatal flaw is the missing emphasis on repentance. There can be no true conversion without conviction of sin. It is one thing to agree that I am a sinner; it is quite another thing to experience the convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit in my life. Unless I have a Spirit-wrought

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Baptist Women Meet In Canada

TORONTO — More than 2,500 women who attended the quinquennial continental assembly of the North American Baptist Women's Union in Toronto, October 17-19, heard pleas to become messengers of reconciliation and fellowship across political, racial, and denominational lines.

The women, representing more than fifteen Canadian, USA, and Caribbean Baptist bodies, more than doubled the previous attendance record for the NABWU. Sixty-two women went by bus from Mississippi. The NABWU is part of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. Meetings were in the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto.

Branching off the assembly theme, "Called to Commitment," major speakers emphasized the Baptist World Alliance World Mission of Reconciliation.

Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, and North American coordinator of the Reconciliation emphasis, urged the women to create peace and fellowship among their fellow-Baptists, then to become ministers of reconciliation in their own communities.

"When we think of reconciliation we should think not of slogans, and banners and budgets, but of people within our reach in need of help," he said.

Chafin echoed the message of V. Carney Hargroves, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Baptist World Alliance president.

Hargroves told the throng of women, "Reconciliation through Christ is not so much a campaign as a way of life. We need worldwide reconciliation, reconciliation in the family, the community, the school, and the church."

Hargroves explained that a goal of the BWA is to help Baptists balance their stress on freedom and independence with a feeling of unity.

Unity was an idea Chafin also touched on, urging NABWU delegates to "get Baptists together so they can have more political clout."

President of the NABWU, Mrs. I. Judson Levy-Wolfville, Nova Scotia, called on the women to enlist voluntarily in the work of reconciliation. She said that the November 6 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, which is the major project of the Women's Department and the NABWU, will

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Sixty-six Mississippians—62 women and four men—attended the continental assembly of the North American Baptist Women's Union in Toronto, Canada, October

17-19. They are pictured above, beside the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, where sessions were held. For names, see story on page two.

Nixon Will Seek Tax Credit Legislation In Next Congress

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Richard Nixon declared in a nationwide radio address that he is "irrevocably committed" to seeking tax credit legislation in the next Congress for parents of children attending nonpublic schools.

"In my judgment, the Constitution does not prohibit tax inducements to encourage and maintain diversity in American education, and we are prepared to fight to guarantee that that diversity remains," the President pledged.

"I believe that parents of school-age children should be provided the freedom to choose a religious-centered education for their children, if they desire, and I am determined to help guarantee that freedom of choice."

In a 30-minute political speech on "The Federal Responsibility to Education," President Nixon devoted several minutes to discussing the "special needs" facing nonpublic schools today and the "cost" to the nation if these schools fail.

Among the losses if these nonpublic schools fail, the President listed these: (1) the loss of diversity, (2) the elimination of freedom of choice for millions of parents, and (3) the new burden on the crowded public school system.

Another loss, the President added, "would be an irreplaceable and precious national asset — schools that have provided millions of American children with a moral code and religious principles by which to live."

"Nonpublic schools have served this nation and people faithfully and well by maintaining and continuing the traditions and beliefs that are so integral a part of our American heritage," the President said.

The tax credit proposal, endorsed also by the Democratic presidential candidate, Senator George McGovern, was reported out of the House Ways and Means Committee a few days before Congress adjourned for the campaign. It was too late in the session for a vote to be scheduled in the House.

Since the Senate Finance Committee has not held hearings, action in that body before adjournment would have been virtually impossible.

In brief, the bill approved by the House committee would allow a tax credit for tuition paid by a parent or a guardian to any private nonprofit

elementary or secondary school. This tax credit would be allowed to cover actual tuition costs up to a maximum of \$200 per dependent.

In August during two weeks of hearings before the House Ways and Means Committee, John W. Baker, a spokesman for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, opposed the bill. Baker charged that such aid to parochial schools would violate both

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Tennessee Board Elects Norton As Executive Secretary

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (BP) — Ralph E. Norton, pastor of Red Bank Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tenn., for the past 24 years, was unanimously elected executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in a called session of the Executive Board here.

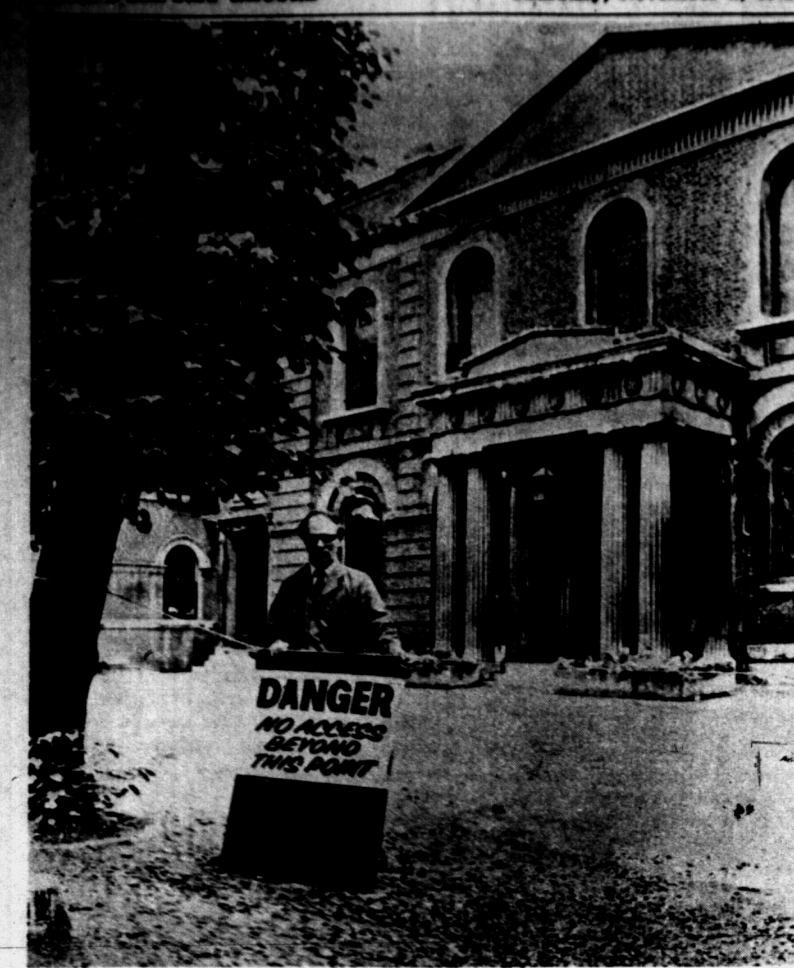
Norton, 59, will begin work with the convention Dec. 1, and assume full responsibility on Jan. 1, 1973, following the retirement of W. Fred Kendall, who has served 16 years as executive secretary-treasurer.

Kendall said he would spend much of his time after retirement writing a history of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Norton, a native of Chattanooga, has been pastor of the Red Bank church in his hometown since 1948. He previously had been minister of education and youth for Central Baptist Church of Chattanooga, which ordained him to the ministry.

For six years, he was pastor of Union Baptist Church, Cynthia, Ky. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. He taught math in a Chattanooga high school immediately after college graduation.

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Wesley's Chapel Closed

LONDON — Sidney Cole, curator of London's Wesley's Chapel, stands by one of the warning signs that have been posted in front of the "Mother Church of Methodism." The chapel, built by John Wesley in 1771, has been closed for at least three years to permit extensive renovating. A fall of coping stone from the roof forced the closure. Experts called in to examine the chapel reported that the damage was symptomatic of failure caused by the foundations settling in poor ground. There was also evidence of severe structural stress at many points in the chapel which, the experts said, would, regardless of immediate protective measures, become "progressively more unsafe." (RNS Photo)

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stress reconciliation. "It is thrilling to see that the Day of Prayer has become a great force for unity, welding together women from different conventions, classes, and races," she said.

The women received a glimpse of their counterparts behind political barriers. Thrust of messages from three women's leaders from around the world was: "Baptists under restriction can flourish, although they are thirsty for refreshing fellowship from outside."

Mrs. Louise Paw, a Burmese Baptist now serving with the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, said, "You don't know how hungry you can be for fellowship until you are without it."

Mrs. Paw, who served the BWA as vice-president during a period when travel in and out of Burma was prohibited, said that Baptists in Asia are altering the direction of current events.

"Though we are often obscure, like salt and leaven in bread, Christians are a major force in influencing the direction of the Asian revolution," she said. "There is a new sense of worth and dignity among Christian women because of the value of their service," she said.

Mrs. Atinuke Bamijoko, wearing the traditional picturesque dress of Nigeria, a Nigerian who is president of the Baptist Women's Union of Africa, reported that women are increasing their participation in Christian involvement despite trends of materialism and nationalism.

She challenged the Americans to put away their excuses and match the commitment of Baptists in non-Christian countries.

"All Christian women are called into commitment here and everywhere in the world. May God grant that our reply to his request shall be 'Here am I Lord. Use me,'" she said.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Texas, president of the BWA Women's Department, reported on official visits to Baptists in South Africa and East Germany.

She said that women in these nations, despite limitations in education and freedom, are emerging as leaders in reconciliation.

Women of eight races participated equally in Baptist sessions she attended in South Africa, according to Mrs. Mathis.

She was the first United States Baptist in twenty years to be granted a visa to East Germany. "They granted me a visa because I am a woman and they thought I was harmless," she quipped.

Mrs. Mathis reported that East German churches are packed with young people. One church team sang in English "We Shall Overcome." "They long to be free," she said.

"These Baptists are greatly committed to the work of Christ. They want to do many things that they can't do, while we don't do many things which we are able to do," she said.

The woman who will head the NABWU for the next five years is Mrs. Lawrence S. Casazza, a Washington, D. C. woman who is affiliated with both the Southern Baptist Convention and with American Baptist Churches in the USA.

Mrs. Casazza, on the recommendation of the nominating committee, was elected by ballot over Mrs. Mary O. Ross, president of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National

Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., who was nominated from the floor.

Vice-president is Mrs. Carl Holmberg, Worthington, Minnesota, who is former president of Baptist General Conference Women.

Secretary is Mrs. Herbert Hiller, East Detroit, Michigan, a former president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the North American Baptist General Conference.

Treasurer is Mrs. Mary H. Wright, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, former president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention.

The Assembly also elected five members-at-large of the Executive Committee. They are Dr. Catherine

Bates, a Southern Baptist professor at Georgetown College; Dr. Rose Butler Brown, of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, who is on the staff of Olney Street Baptist Church, Providence, Rhode Island; Mrs. Leobardo Estrada, missionary among the Spanish in New York City; Miss Bertha Pickard, president of Oklahoma Indian American Baptist Association; and Mrs. John Williams, wife of the pastor of Stephen Baptist Church (National Baptist Convention of America), Kansas City, Missouri. Miss Edwina Robinson of Jackson, Ms., has been serving the past five years as one of these members-at-large. She served on the program committee for this assembly.



66 From State Go To Toronto

Two buses carrying 62 women and four men left Jackson on October 13 to attend the fifth Continental Assembly of the North American Baptist Women's Union in Toronto, Ontario, October 17-19. Mrs. Vernon May, president of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, and her husband, Rev. Vernon May, pastor of First Church, Louisville, directed the two-bus tour.

On October 14 the group visited Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and saw the Lott Moon room housing Miss Moon's desk and portraits. On Sunday, Oct. 15, the group divided into three sections and worshipped in three mission churches in Columbus, Ohio. Some attended the Bexley Church, which reported around 2,000 contacts for the week. Some visited at Barnett Road and others at Village Church, the eleventh mission of a church which meets in a school building.

After morning worship, the mother-church of those missions, the Whitehall Baptist Church, hosted the group for a covered dish luncheon followed by a film presentation of the development of Southern Baptist work in Ohio. Mrs. B. Kirkwood, WMU executive secretary of Ohio, had arranged the lunch for the group, along with area workers and members.

Mrs. Ray Grillo of Crystal Springs, one of the Mississippians on the trip, reported some of her impressions:

"The beauty and grandeur of Niagara Falls," (where they stopped the third day), "and the vivid colors of trees along the way," and especially of the Canadian maple, was indescribable.

"Included in sightseeing of Toronto was the famous and amazing Ontario Science Centre, the most functional centre of its type in the world, with over 500 exhibits and daily demonstrations in its twelve mini-theatres. "Visiting Detroit and Michigan mission work with Miss Frances Brown, WMU executive secretary for Michigan, was a challenge. The evangelist, fervor and outreach here was humbling and exciting — the churches with their seven-day-a-week ministry of outreach, bus ministry, and doing of things that 'can't be done'."

Following the meeting of the NABWU and the tour of home mission work in Detroit, the group returned to Jackson on October 21.

Those in attendance from Mississippi were:

Rev. and Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville; Mrs. J. W. Brunfield, Pascagoula; Mrs. W. T. Avara, Sr., Pascagoula; Mrs. Roy Lewis, Columbus; Mrs. Erle Coffey, Jackson; Mrs. Louise Stewart, Picayune; Mrs. Jesse Stewart, Picayune; Mrs. Edna Arent, Oxford; Mrs. Capitola Duncan, Oxford; Mrs. R. E. Middleton, Brookhaven; Mrs. Mary Haynes, Jackson; Mrs. Mae Tyler, Lucedale; Mrs. Mary Eubanks, Lucedale.

Mrs. Harvey Haggard, Louisville; Mrs. Bessie McKay, Louisville; Mrs. Thomas Bexley, Beaumont; Mrs. E. Small, Beaumont; Mrs. Zettie Tingle, Beaumont; Mrs. Bitha Atwood, Sumrall; Mrs. J. I. Rankin, Clinton; Mrs. Leota Swilley, Brandon; Miss Mary Lou Fair, Water Valley; Mrs. Frances McVey, Water Valley; Mrs. M. M. Ducote, Gulfport; Mrs. Nettie Gele, Gulfport.

Mrs. J. E. Thames, Mendenhall; Mrs. Homer Miller, Pascagoula; Mrs. A. L. Lowe, Pascagoula; Mrs. Joe Thrash, Bay Springs; Mrs. E. S. Wade, Mt. Olive; Mrs. W. A. Spearman, Water Valley.

Mrs. Eunice Hoyland, Natchez; Mrs. Pearl Murray, Bogie Chitto; Mrs. Cecil Allen, Jackson; Mrs. J. G. Pierce, Woodville; Mrs. Joe Lewis, Woodville; Mrs. W. B. Alexander, Boyle; Mrs. J. C. Davis, Cleveland; Mrs. W. L. Harper, Belzoni; Mrs. B. H. Rodgers, Belzoni; Mrs. Monette White, Liberty; Mrs. Clinton McGehee, Liberty.

Mrs. R. E. Jones, Pascagoula; Mrs. P. C. Campbell, Pachuta; Mrs. Glen Inman, Calhoun City; Mrs. Kate Barnhill, Jackson; Mrs. B. J. Johnson, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grillo, Crystal Springs.

Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Beverly, Woodville; Mrs. B. L. Jones, Kosciusko; Mrs. C. F. Barrett, Kosciusko; Mrs. Martin Gilbert, Brandon; Mrs. J. D. Parker, Mobile, Ala.; Mrs. Robert Weems, Jackson; Mrs. R. P. Gully, Semmes, Ala.; Mrs. Ray Moffett,

Laurel; Mrs. Vincent Scooper, Laurel; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Whittington, Woodville; Mrs. Sam Ray, Kosciusko; Mrs. G. L. Pettit, Kosciusko; Mrs. Blanche Leavell, Blue Springs; and Miss Edwina Robinson, member at large of the NABWU, from Jackson.

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he was president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1956, and has also been chairman of the state Executive Board. He has been a trustee for Carson - Newman College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has served on numerous denominational committees.

During the board meeting here, Kendall praised Norton's selection, saying he had worked with every facet of denominational life, and understands the problems. "I am going to do everything I can to make the transition as smooth as possible," Kendall said.

In accepting the position, Norton told the Executive Board, "I commit to you, as I serve with you, all that I have, to the glory of God."

Norton is married to the former Louise Wilson of Chattanooga. They have three children, Ralph, a medical doctor in Houston; David, a law student at Memphis State University; and Linda, a student at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Norton's brother, Charles is director of the church training department for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

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Officiating was W. A. Criswell, pastor of the church, assisted by E. S. James who succeeded Gardner as editor of the Standard, and John J. Hurt, the current editor. Both Gardner and James are listed as editor emeritus on the Standard masthead.

The Baptist Standard, the largest of the 33 Baptist state papers in the Southern Baptist Convention, enjoyed a period of unprecedented progress during Gardner's editorship, according to Hurt.

"He was strong in his editorial expressions and as quick to criticize Texas Baptist leadership as he was to speak against those outside the state," Hurt said. "He never evaded an issue."

Born in Milan, Tenn., in 1886, he and his family moved to Texas in 1894. He was a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth.

Later he became pastor of Baptist churches in Clarendon, and Memphis, Tex. He was pastor of Ensley Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., for nine years, and First Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., for 16 years. He left St. Petersburg in 1944 to edit the Standard.

Since 1944, he and his wife, Sadie, had made their home in Dallas. Mrs. Gardner had been in good health until about a year ago, but is now confined to her home.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Earl Neelands of Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Ned King of Dallas, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee; one sister, and one grandson.

—Prayer Amendment—

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"Prayer Amendment" last year, recently declared that it is "anxious that adequate provision be made for the religious education of all American children including those in public schools, and hopeful that the nation can arrive at a more satisfactory solution of this question than is now the case."

"Polls taken by individual Congressmen of their constituents have indicated support for a 'Prayer Amendment.'"

"The 1972 Republican National Platform affirmed the view that 'voluntary prayer should be freely permitted in public places — particularly by school children while attending public schools — provided that such prayers are not prepared or prescribed by the state or any of its political subdivisions and that no person's participation is required, thus preserving the traditional separation of church and state.'"

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consciousness of my utterly lost condition, I can never exercise saving faith. It is useless to tell unconverted sinners to believe on Jesus — that message is only for those who know they are lost. We sugar-coat the gospel when we de-emphasize man's fallen condition. With that kind of a watered-down message, people receive the Word with joy, instead of with deep contrition. They do not have deep roots and though they may endure for a while, they soon give up all profession when persecution or trouble comes (Matthew 13:21). We have forgotten that the message is repentance toward God as well as faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

A second serious omission is a missing emphasis on the Lordship of Christ. A light, jovial mental assent that Jesus is Saviour misses the point. Jesus is first Lord, then Saviour. The New Testament always places His Lordship before His Saviourhood. Do we present the full implications of His Lordship to people? He always did.

A third defect in our message is over tendency to keep the terms of discipleship hidden until a decision has been made for Jesus. Our Lord never did this. The message He preached

included the cross as well as the crown. "He never hid His scars to win disciples." He revealed the worst along with the best, then told His listeners to count the cost. We popularize the message and promise fun.

The result of all this is that we have people believing without knowing what they believe. In many cases they have no doctrinal basis for their decision. They do not know the implications of commitment to Christ. They have never experienced the mysterious, miraculous work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration.

And of course we have others who are talked into a profession because of the slick salesmanship techniques of the soul-winner. Or some who want to please the affable, personable young man with the winning smile. And some who only want to get rid of this religious interloper who has intruded on their privacy. Satan laughs when these conversions are triumphantly announced on earth.

Should We Change Our Strategy?

I would like to raise several questions that might lead us to some changes in our strategy of evangelism.

First of all, can we generally expect people to make an intelligent commitment to Christ the first time they hear the gospel? Certainly, there

is the exceptional case where a person has already been prepared by the Holy Spirit. But generally speaking, the process involves sowing the seed, watering it, then sometime later reaping the harvest. In our mania for instant conversion, we have forgotten that conception, gestation, and birth do not occur on the same day.

A second question: can a capsule presentation of the gospel really do justice to so great a message? As one who has written several gospel tracts, I confess to a certain sense of misgiving in even attempting to condense the good news into four small pages. Would we not be wiser to give people the full presentation as it is found in the Gospels, or in the New Testament?

Thirdly, is all this pressure for decisions really scriptural? Where in the New Testament were people ever pressured into making a profession? We justify our practice by saying that if only one out of ten is genuine it is worth it. But what about the other nine — disillusioned, bitter, perhaps deceived enroute to hell by a false profession.

How Accurate Are We?

And I must ask this: is all this boasting about conversions really accurate? You've met the man who solemnly tells you of ten people he

contacted that day and all of them were saved. A young doctor testified that every time he goes to a new city, he looks in the phone book for people with his last name. Then he calls them one by one and leads them through the four steps to salvation. Amazingly enough, every one of them opens the door of his heart to Jesus.

I don't want to doubt the honesty of people like this, but am I wrong in thinking that they are extremely naive? Where are all those people who are saved? They cannot be found.

What it all means is that we should seriously re-examine our streamlined, capsule evangelism. We should be willing to spend time teaching the gospel, laying a solid doctrinal foundation for faith to rest on. We should stress the necessity for repentance — a complete about-face with regard to sin. We should stress the full implications of the Lordship of Christ and the conditions of discipleship. We should explain what belief really involves. We should be willing to wait for the Holy Spirit to produce genuine conviction of sin. Then we should be ready to lead the person to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

If we do this, we'll have less astronomical figures of so-called conversions, but more genuine cases of spiritual rebirth.

Nixon Will Seek Tax Credit Legislation

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the principles of religious liberty and of sound public policy.

When the Baptist Joint Committee met in semi-annual session in October, it adopted a statement requesting the Committee on Ways and Means to "refuse tax credits out of consideration to the American tradition of religious liberty and separation of church and state."

Now, with both presidential candidates committed to the tax credit proposal, plus the backing of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, the 93rd Congress is likely to place tax credit legislation high on its list of priorities, according to informed sources here.

New York Convention Opposes Tax Credit ALBANY, N. Y. (BP) — The Ba-

tist Convention of New York, meeting here for its third annual session, adopted a resolution urging concerned Baptists and all others who value religious freedom to express opposition to tax credit proposals to aid parochial schools.

Another resolution adopted by the convention called upon leaders in state and national government to "exercise moral influence to strengthen the moral fibre of the nation."

In other actions, the convention set a state-wide Cooperative Program goal of \$160,000 for 1973, allocating about 18 per cent (\$28,800) to Southern Baptist mission causes, and adopted a grand total \$589,000 budget for the year. Most of the budget support will come from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Paul S. James, executive secretary

of the convention, reported that during the past year, the New York convention had experienced a 10 per cent increase in baptisms (conversions), a 12 per cent increase in church membership, and a 15 per cent increase in Cooperative Program missions giving.

The convention voted to set a goal of achieving a 20 per cent increase in Sunday School enrollment to a total of 20,000 enrolled, by 1975, the twentieth anniversary of Southern Baptist work in New York.

The convention also voted to make establishment of church-type chapels a priority, calling on church and association leaders to increase the number of church-type chapels as a base for continuing ministries. Messengers also urged churches to accept a goal of a minimum 10 per cent budget allocation to missions through the Cooperative Program and to increase that allocation by one per cent annually.

H. C. (Bud) Shumacher, an IBM executive from New York City, was re-elected president of the convention.



Media Magazine Offers Course Study Program

Media magazine, a journal of the church library department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, is the first board periodical to offer study course credit under the New Church Study Course program. The first seven people to receive credit for reading the periodical are (left to right): Mrs. Beverly Stanley, Raytown, Mo.; Mrs. Della B. May, Phoenix, Ariz.; Clarence D. Benge, Arlington, Tex.; Mrs. B. W. Carter Jr., Tiburon, Calif.; Mrs. Betty Ehren, Rapid City, S. D.; Mrs. Lester Grubbs, Laramie, Wyo.; and William E. East, Oildale, Calif.

BIOGRAPHICAL SHEETS

Several weeks ago forms were mailed to every Mississippi Baptist pastor, requesting that biographical information be supplied, and the form, along with a glossy photograph, be returned to the Baptist Record office.

Several hundred of the forms have been returned, but more than two-thirds of the nearly 1500 pastors in the state have not yet mailed theirs in. May we urge those pastors who have not returned the form, to do so at an early date, so that our files may be complete. This file will not only be used by the Baptist Record, but also will be available to other departments of the convention board, whenever information concerning any pastor is needed.

Similar forms will be mailed to other church staff members at an early date, but right now we are trying to complete the minister's file first.

If any pastor did not receive one of the forms, or if you have misplaced the one we sent, please drop us a card or letter and one will be sent immediately.

SEOUL, Korea—An English-language congregation, formerly the International Baptist Fellowship, has been constituted as Seoul International Baptist Church, with 45 charter members. The church called Southern Baptist missionary James R. Swendenburg was its first pastor. Swendenburg has led the group since it was formed last February.



Students From India Lend International Flavor

Dr. D. Gray Miley, (seated), chairman of the Division of Business and Economics at Mississippi College, discusses the business climate in Mississippi with four of his graduate students from India. All four of the India students are enrolled in the master of business administration degree program at Mississippi College, giving the program international flavor. From the left are Santosh Nand Pandey of Panta, Uday Krishna Paul of Rabindranath B. Pattar of Belgaon, and Sumantry DeSai of Bombay. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)



Children Conduct Service At Corinth

Forty-two children and five staff members from Faith Children's Home, Gulfport, conducted the morning worship service at Corinth Church, Pearl River County, on October 22, after first attending Sunday School there, reports the pastor, Rev. Wilson H. Presher. Rev. L. R. Scales, founder of the children's home, delivered the morning message. Afterward a fellowship dinner was served at the church.



Boys Win Trophies At BMC Walk-A-Thon

TWO WINNERS AND A NEIGHBOR REGISTER FOR FIRST WALK-A-THON AT BMC: Hal Fisher, center, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Fisher, of Blue Mountain College, and Johnny Travis, second from right, son of Dr. and Mrs. James L. Travis, members of the Bible and Library Science faculties, register for the first Walk-A-Thon ever held at BMC. Hal Fisher was awarded a Trophy for Distance of 17 miles, walked during the allotted time, and Johnny Travis was awarded a Trophy for Time, having walked a mile in 10 minutes and 2 seconds. Neither trophy winner knew when he registered, of course, that he would be a winner. Laurie Washburn, second from left, daughter of Dean and Mrs. W. N. Washburn, did a splendid job of keeping up with her father and mother who also participated in the event. Standing at the registration desk were Nona Kay Middleton, of Europa, left, and Frances Tamboli of Memphis, right.



Honor Code Signing At BMC

Each freshman signed her own Honor Code during a special ceremony held in the Student Government Council Room of the Paschal Student Center at Blue Mountain College. This is an annual ceremony at Blue Mountain College. At right is Deda Bennett of New Albany, 1972 freshman, signing her Code of Honor in the presence of Mary Ann Chamberlain of Grenada, SGA president.



Those participating in groundbreaking ceremony at Alta Woods Church were, from left, front row: W. B. Rives, Gerald Kinsley, Jimmy Melton, Mrs. Roy Sims, Dr. Charles Myers, John Vaughan. Second row: Earl Walker, Jr., Joe Turner, Sr., Murray Mitchell, Roy Womack and Russell Scafield.

Portraits Of Presidents' Wives To Be Unveiled At Blue Mtn.

On November 3, at 11 a.m., a special Founder's Day Program will be presented in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium of the Blue Mountain College campus.

Mrs. William M. Beasley, the former Joyce Hall, of Tupelo, president of the National Alumnae Association of Blue Mountain College, will pre-

side. Seven members of the Alumnae Association will give biographical addresses on the subject, "WIVES OF BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE PRESIDENTS FOR ITS 100 YEARS." After each address a portrait of the respective President's wives will be unveiled. Placements of these will be announced later.

Those Blue Mountain College presi-

dents' wives whose portraits will be unveiled on the special occasion are: Sarah Holmes Lowrey, wife of General M. P. Lowrey, Founder and first president Theodosia Searcy Lowrey, wife of Dr. W. T. Lowrey, second president, who served for two terms—a total of 27 years; Mary Lee Booth Lowrey, wife of Dr. B. G. Lowrey, third president; Veeve Cockcroft

Lowrey, first wife of Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey; Ernestine Higdon Lowrey, second wife of Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, fourth president; Frances Landrum Tyler, wife of Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, fifth president. Martha Huggins Fisher, wife of the six and current president, Dr. E. Harold Fisher, will receive special recognition. The public is invited.

Hayes Invited To Join Centurymen

James Daniel Hayes, minister of music at First Church, Hattiesburg, has been invited to join "The Centurymen," a select singing group composed of 100 ministers of music from 24 states across the Southern Baptist Convention.

All members of "The Centurymen" are qualified conductors in their own right, and most have impressive credits as career vocalists.

"The Centurymen" was organized in 1969 by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. It is featured weekly on the Radio-TV Commission's "The Baptist Hour," heard on 415 radio stations throughout the United States and in several foreign countries.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Hayes serves as choir director for the Baptist Student Union at the University of Southern Mississippi and is music director for Lebanon Music Association.

He was graduated from Enterprise, Miss., High School and has degrees from Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He was assistant director of Mississippi's Singing Churchmen in 1972.

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vided a new way for the government staff members to relate to each other, and to talk and pray about their problems, he said.

Henley, religion editor for the Birmingham News before joining the White House staff, said that the nation is frustrated because "we as men have been making claims of our institutions that only a Messiah could accomplish."

"As a nation, we thought that legislation and politics could bring unity, peace, order and stability," he said. "But, these were only counterfeit mechanisms. In the late sixties, people began waking up to the fact that these counterfeit mechanisms were not working. What ensued were riots in the streets and on the college campuses," he observed.

"Agencies without the injection of the Deity have been tried by governments as the savior of the problems of our times," he added. "But they at best are only limited tools of us limited men. Without a vibrant theology of transcendence—the cross of Jesus Christ—unity of man is not possible," Henley declared.

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ment program will be conducted in 34 major cities across the nation. Plans are already underway for the first such efforts in Fort Worth, Knoxville, Tenn., Roanoke, Va., and Shreveport, La. Astronaut James B. Irwin will make appearances and assist with the program in several of the cities.

Tandy said he became interested in serving as national chairman because "I want to be connected with an institution that, 9,000 times a day, presents a clear, straight, spiritual message." He called the commission "a window to the world, reaching between 70 and 100 million people a week" through its programs.

Stevens, in announcing Tandy's selection to head the effort, described him as "a man noted for his vision and his business acumen."

Tandy has been chairman and chief executive of the Tandy Corporation, well-known for its leather products, since 1964.

NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION ASKS OVERHAUL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

NEW YORK (RNS) — Painting a dismal picture of public school education in New York State, the Fleischmann Commission, in its latest report, called for a comprehensive restructuring of the state's secondary school system.

The commission charged that under the present system, tens of thousands of students were being channeled into vocational, academic or general programs too early, and the results were "damaging" to all concerned.

It is recommended that students from grades 7 through 10 study a "core curriculum" of English composition, reading, and mathematics; then begin intensive specialization in the 11th and 12th grades.

In a special section on "societal problems," the commission reported that about 45 percent of high school students and 20 percent of junior high students in New York City were drug users.

BMC High School Weekend Nov. 4-5

Annual high school weekend at Blue Mountain College will be November 4-5. The freshman class selected as the theme, "Our World and Welcome to It!"

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Nov. 4 in Paschal Student Center. Guests will assemble at 10 a.m. in Berry Auditorium, where members of the faculty and administration will be introduced. At this time students will also receive information concerning faculty conferences, music scholarship auditions, and campus tours.

Other activities include a noon picnic; a freshman class talent show at 1:30; a tea at 3:15 at Armstrong, home of President and Mrs. Harold Fisher; a performance at 4:15 p.m. by "The Image," a newly formed singing group on the campus; and a special supper program, "A Bit of Our World."

The feature event of the weekend will be a concert by "TRUTH" presented in Berry Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for this performance are \$2.00 each. The public is invited, and may secure tickets by calling 685-5711.

Vespers by the lakeside led by Miss Nancy Chamberlain, former summer missionary to Viet Nam, will coincide with the day's activities. On Sunday, November 5, visitors are invited to attend worship services at Lowrey Memorial Church.



Gilbert



Doggett

Main Street To Host R. A. Workshop

A Royal Ambassador Workshop will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 6 and 7, at Main Street Church, Hattiesburg. The two nights of leadership training will begin at each evening.

Clayton Gilbert, at left above, Director, Crusader Department, Royal Ambassador Division, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, will lead the workers of Crusaders, Grade 1 through 6.

Charles Doggett, right, Director, Pioneer Department, Royal Ambassador Division, Brotherhood Commission, will direct the leaders of Pioneers, Grades 7 through 12.

The workshop is planned for churches in the Lebanon Association who have Royal Ambassador programs and also for those who are interested in beginning such a program. Churches in the surrounding area are also invited.

Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business. — Robert West

Alta Woods Church, Jackson, Breaks Ground For New Activities Building

Immediately following the morning worship service Sunday, October 22, the Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson broke ground for an activities building.

The building is the result of almost three years of planning and will be one of the finest buildings of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention, according to church officers.

It will house a gymnasium (for gym sports and skating), handball court, game room, TV and stereo room, exercise room, sauna, shower and locker rooms, decoupage and ceramics rooms, offices, snack area, kiddie corral and two adult departments with eight class rooms. It will be located near the front of the present Children's Building.

Dickerson Construction Company of Jackson, has been awarded the contract for the building at a total cost of \$335,584. The contractor has started construction will begin next week and will take 8 months to complete. The present value of the Alta Woods plant is \$1,400,000.

John Vaughan has served as chairman of the committee that has planned the project. Other committee members were Murry Mitchell, Earl Walker, Jr., Jimmy Melton, Roy Sims, Russell Scifield, Gerald Kinsley, Roy Womack and Joe Turner, Sr.

Others who participated in the ground-breaking were Mrs. Roy Sims, W. M. U. Director and W. B. Rives, chairman of deacons. Dr. Charles E. Myers is pastor of the church.

Williams To Head Oklahoma Foundation

TULSA, Okla. (BP) — In a called meeting here, the board of directors of the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma named C. Fred Williams of Oklahoma City to succeed Thomas E. Carter as executive secretary of the foundation when Carter retires next May. Williams, former director of endowment and capital giving service for the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission based in Nashville, has been associated executive secretary of the Oklahoma foundation since 1968.

N. Carrollton Pastor Retires After 30 Years In The Pulpit

The ministry of Rev. W. Martin Smith as pastor of North Carrollton Church for the past 13 years was brought to a climax on his retirement October 15, with a day designated in his honor. Ordained to the ministry in 1942, Mr. Smith has been a pastor for thirty years.

He preached his final sermon as North Carrollton's pastor at the morning service, October 15, on the subject, "Go Forward."

Guest musicians for the day were Rev. and Mrs. Wilton Bennett of Doraville, Georgia. Mr. Bennett grew up in the North Carrollton Church and was licensed under the ministry of Mr. Smith.

Buffet lunch at the church was followed by a special Honor and Recognition Service in the afternoon, in the sanctuary at 2:30. Dr. Gordon Sansing, pastor of First, Grenada, was principal speaker, using the subject, "The Man God Called."

James P. Wright, deacon, introduced the theme, "Here's The Man," reading from the First Psalm and giving a biographical sketch of Pastor Smith.

Recognition of the man who has been included "The Family Man" by his son (who is a deacon), Wesley M. Smith, Jr., of Shreveport, "The Church Man" by Rev. Wilton Bennett; "The Community Man" by Richard A. Cooper, deacon at Carrollton; "The Associational Man" by Rev. Lavon Hatton, associational missionary; and "The State Man," by Dr. Gordon Sansing.

Albert L. McNeer pointed out the program of the church under Mr. Smith's leadership, which included the addition of the educational building and pastor's home, and growth in membership and church giving.

Mr. McNeer presented Mr. and Mrs. Smith a red leather-bound Bible and a check for \$1,000 as a love gift from the church to "The Man—Our Pastor."

It was announced that the educational building constructed during Mr. Smith's pastorate, would henceforth be called "The Wesley Martin Smith Educational Building."

Miss Amie Stepp, director of the Woman's Missionary Union, offered a tribute to the pastor's wife with the words, "Walking hand in hand with the Godly Man is the Worthy Woman." She then gave a paraphrase of Proverbs 31.

She presented to the pastor's wife a gold ring set with an amethyst (Mrs. Smith's birthstone) from the Baptist women.

Mrs. Smith has served as Intermediate teacher in the Sunday School 13 years, Training Union leader, Adults leader, Woman's Missionary Union director, and Associational WMU director. In 1965 she was elected WMU vice-president of District 8, and there by became a member of the executive board of Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi. She served in this capacity for six years.

Others on program included Rev. Lee Hudson, pastor of Carrollton Church; C. H. Montgomery, N. Carrollton chairman of deacons; Rev. H. H. Ward of Kosciusko, former associational missionary in Carroll and Montgomery Counties; and Rev. B. C. Nunn, local Methodist minister.

Mr. Smith was born in Madison County, graduated from high school at Schlatter, attended Mississippi College, and graduated from New Orleans Seminary.

In 1932 he married Pauline Henderson of Marks. He farmed at Minter City and at Linn (Sunflower) before his ordination in 1942. At Linn he was deacon, choir director, and Sunday School superintendent, and later was also pastor of this church which ordained him. While in seminary he was pastor in Tangipahoa, La.

From 1951 to 1957 he was pastor of both Carrollton and North Carrollton Churches. Then after two years of service to Holly Bluff (Yazoo) he re-



Rev. and Mrs. W. Martin Smith

turned to the pastorate of North Carrollton on September 1, 1959.

He has served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board two terms and as associational moderator for three terms.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have five children: Mrs. Jo Anne Beasley, whose husband, James, is chaplain at the Baptist Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Margaret Montgomery of Carrollton; Wesley Jr. of Shreveport, La.; Sarah Lynne, a senior at Delta State College; and Paul Grace, a junior at Carroll Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will live near North Carrollton where they have built a new home.

Mrs. W. T. Lowrey Dies At Age 103

Mrs. William T. Lowrey, 103, widow of Dr. William Tyndale Lowrey, former president of Blue Mountain College, and Mississippi College, died Oct. 24 at her residence in Greenville, S. C.

A native of Arkansas, she was a former resident of Texas, before moving to Greenville, S. C., 23 years ago. She taught at Hillman College and also at Blue Mountain.

Her father, the late J. B. Searcy, was the third editor of the Baptist Record. Mrs. Lowrey was twice first lady of Blue Mountain College, for a total of 27 years, and was daughter-in-law of the founder of BMC, General M. P. Lowrey.

Funeral services were held from First Church, Clinton, Mississippi, October 27, at 2 p.m. Officiating were Mrs. Lowrey's grandson, the Honorable Dr. J. H. Buchanan, Jr., Alabama Congressman, and Jarred Walker, chaplain of the Baptist Hospital, Birmingham, Ala. Interment was in Clinton Cemetery where Mrs. Lowrey's husband, daughter Lynn, and infant son, Edwin, are buried.

Survivors include two daughters, Sara Lowrey of Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. Ruby Lowrey Buchanan of Birmingham, Ala.; two sons, W. T. Lowrey, Jr., New Albany; and Captain Searcy Lowrey of Enola, Ark.; nine grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

The late Mrs. Lowrey was selected the 1972 Blue Mountain College "Alma of the Year."

Just off Carlton Press of New York is a book written by Miss Sara Lowrey, entitled, "THEODOSIA, GIFT OF GOD." (Mrs. Lowrey's name means "Gift of God.") A review of this book and story of Mrs. Lowrey's life was carried in the Baptist Record recently.

On the 100th birthday of Mrs. Lowrey, she flew with her daughter, Sara, from Greenville, S. C., to New Albany, Miss., where the home of her son, W. T. Lowrey, Jr., and his family, was the setting for a birthday celebration, attended by 66 members of her immediate family and 63 special friend. That celebration was attended by all of her children.

Mrs. Lowrey graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1888. She received her B. A. degree in 1925 and held the M. A. degree from Mississippi College, which she received at the age of 68. She continued to be active in the AAUW and her civic affairs until a short time before her death.

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"And There Was"...Peace

It is possible that by the time these words appear in print, a "Cease-Fire" treaty will have been signed for the Vietnam war. If not, it now appears that such a treaty is only days away. It is impossible at this moment to tell all that this action will mean. We have confidence in our president and national leaders to believe that the promise has been kept not to betray South Vietnam, although it certainly is most probable that some of the sections of the agreement will not be completely pleasing to South Vietnam or its president.

Whether the Communists, who do not have a very good record on keeping agreements which they have made, will take advantage of this cease-fire and, when the United States is out, try to seize the whole land, remains to be seen.

The U.S., however, evidently is to about be free of the involvement and our men, including the prisoners, are to be brought home. Americans, whatever may be their position on the larger issues, will be glad of this.

The hope of all of us is that our nation never again will become involved in a war, anywhere in the world, that we do not have the will to win. Many believe that this war could have been over long ago, had our leaders been of a mind to win it. And it only has been after President Nixon decided to go against the desires of some advisors, and put pressure on the North Viet-

namese by stepping up the bombing and by blockading their sources of supply, that they finally were willing to consider some reasonable terms of solution of the conflict. It is very probable that had this been done earlier, peace could have been achieved at an earlier date. Nevertheless, our leaders did not feel that that was the way to do it, and only the historians can eventually evaluate and determine whether mistakes were made. Meanwhile, all of us can simply say, "Thank God, it is over!" We are confident that our national leaders will think long and hard before allowing us ever to become involved in another war, short of one where our own nation is attacked, or its safety is in jeopardy.

Does this mean that the world now can look for permanent peace? We all would like to think so, but actually our answer must be "No!" We recognize that men should have learned the lesson of the futility of war, but that they haven't is revealed by history. Thousands of agreements to "end war" have been signed, but always they are broken, often almost before the ink is dry. Moreover, there is but one place where we can find the sure word of prophecy concerning what is ahead for the world, and that is the Word of God. That Bible says that wars and rumors of wars will continue until the Lord's return. Listen to these words from holy writ, "When they shall say peace and safety, then sudden destruction..."

We still live in a world of sinful men, and nations led by sinful men. Communism with its announced goals of world conquest is still with us, and there is little sign that it has abandoned those goals, or that it will not continue to try to bring more people behind its "curtains." There also are other kinds of dictatorships, and conflicts wherein one nation seeks to swallow up another. As long as Christ does not reign in the hearts of men, He will not be reigning in the nations, and the conflicts will continue. There is not a single promise of everlasting peace, or of our Lord reigning "from sea to sea," until His blessed return. This is the one and only hope of permanent, lasting peace.

Certainly we should pray for peace. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem" was the word of God's spokesman long ago, and it is a good word for us today, as we think, not just of Jerusalem, but of the whole world. We should pray for peace for all men, and for our leaders as they strive for such peace. If peace has come once again to our nation, and to the tragic lands of Southeast Asia, let us thank God, and let us pray that it may come to other peoples too. Let us also pray for our leaders as they seek to solve international problems at the conference tables rather than on the battle field. Let us hope and pray that our nation and the world has entered an era of peace and good will, at least for a little while.

Citizens Of Two Worlds

The Bible makes very clear that we are citizens of two worlds, namely, our own national homeland, and the heavenly land of the future. We owe obligations to both, for our Lord said, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." Among our privileges as citizens of an earthly kingdom is the right to choose the right leaders, support them in their leadership, and to pray that they may have and may follow the direction of God.

Our fathers, and many of our own generation, have purchased for us and kept, for those of us who live in the United States, the privileges of freedom. One of those blessings is the right to go to the polls and choose by our ballots, the men who serve as our leaders.

Once every four years we choose a president. The right to do these things is found only in lands such as ours, and is denied to those in communist and other dictator controlled lands.

It is imperative that Christian citizens, as well as others, recognize the responsibility which our freedom places upon us. The way to preserve our freedoms which have been purchased and preserved at so dear a price, is to choose the right men to lead in our government. Chief of these is the president, and every four years we must go to the polls to choose the right man for that awesome position. This means that every citizen, and certainly every Christian citizen, must keep himself properly registered, and then be sure to vote on election days. If he

fails to do that, he has only himself to blame, if precious freedoms erode away.

We would not try to tell you how to vote next Tuesday, but we do not hesitate to state emphatically that you ought to vote. Weigh the issues, consider the candidates, and pray before you go to the polls, and then cast your vote as you feel the Lord leads you as a responsible Christian citizen. And, of course, remember, that you are voting, not only for a president but for other leaders as well. We need the right kind of leadership in every elective position.

There is an old saying that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty!" We should keep those words in mind as next Tuesday approaches.

"Responding To His Lordship"

The above quoted words are to be the theme of the annual Mississippi Baptist Student Convention as it meets in Gulfport this weekend.

Hundreds of students will assemble from campuses all over the state for participation in an outstanding program, including messages, reports, conferences, Bible study, prayer and fellowship. These conferences always are among the most inspirational meetings of the year held by Baptists in our state.

The present generation of college students is one of the finest ever to cross our campuses. While they live in a world with tremendous problems, they probably have a better understanding of those problems than any generation before them. Moreover, they have access to as thorough and outstanding training as any generation

ever has had. This does not necessarily mean that they have better answers to world problems, but it does mean that they have a means of understanding them better, and more tools for trying to find solutions.

Modern Baptist and other Christian students have something else. There is, at the present time, a spirit of dedication to Christ, and a desire to find and do his will, that may surpass that which has characterized some past generations. These young people headed for Gulfport will participate in a program built around the theme of responding to the Lordship of Christ. What a tremendous challenge this should be.

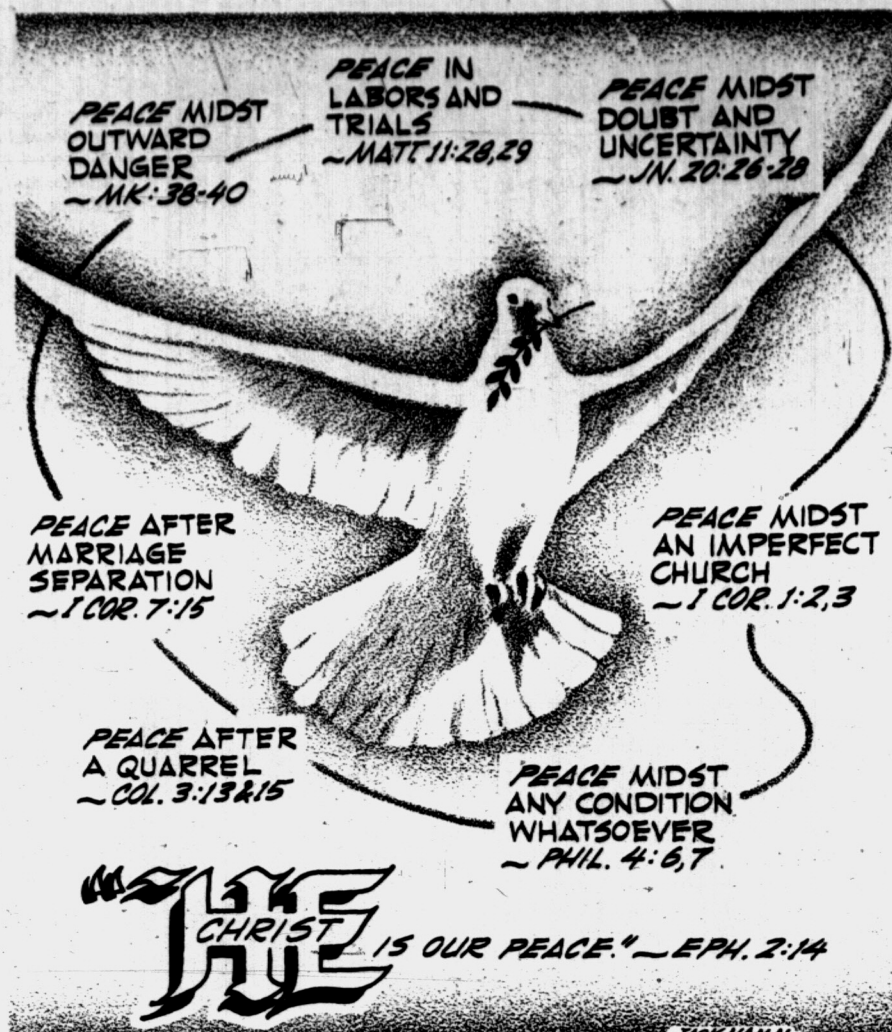
One of the greatest needs for all who name the name of Christ is to recognize His Lordship. Jesus Christ is not merely a great leader or prophet, He

is God, and as God He has the right to be Lord over our lives. That means that He has control: that He is the master; that our lives are to be His in reality. We are not mere followers of Christ, or friends of Christ, but we are, as Paul says, "bondslaves of Jesus Christ." He is to have control, completely and absolutely.

The generation of students which can come to a full understanding of the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and which places itself completely in His hand, will come nearer to solving world problems, and meeting human needs, than any generation that has gone before.

May the young people who meet in Gulfport find the vision, hear the call, and respond to the appeal of our Lord.

If they do, they may show the present generation, and all of those of the past, what it really means to be Christian.



"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace" Isa. 26:3

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Defends Church Bus Ministry

Dear Dr. Odle:

I must retaliate to the objection to Bus Ministries letter in this past week's article of the Baptist Record. I have several facts that I believe Mr. Sumrall should know about before coming to his conclusion.

First, being located on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in Bay St. Louis we have a golden opportunity here to provide a bus ministry as does a sister Baptist church in the sister city of Waveland. Both churches send buses down the same street! Irony, isn't it? However, we feel that as many un-churched people as there are, there is no use to squabble over anyone.

Second, I really don't recall our Lord Jesus saying anything about "a church field." I think the word should be done away with because truly the WORLD is a church's field whether she be 15 members or 15,000 members. If our sister church in Waveland can church the people who live next to our church buildings, then surely they have done something that we have failed to do and they should be commended for it.

Third, if a church cares enough about souls to spend hundreds of dollars on buses, repair, gas; hundreds of hours on visitation, driving, teaching, and caring; hundreds of prayers for God's church to move forward for souls for Christ's sake, then they cannot be condemned when they lengthen the ministry God has given them to win people for the Master.

My advice to people who feel that they are being stepped on by this new ministry that God has given us is examine yourself and examine your church, and then if the church is truly shanghaiing your members, go see the pastor.

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EDUCATION...what's happening

A NATION OF STRANGERS

There is a countermovement of young people away from the cities, not into the settled life of the countryside but into a life of almost chronic movement, separated from traditional male-female relationships, from traditional religious beliefs and from steady work because of rapid technological and social change. — Vance Packard, New York Times, August 6, 1972

"We have no recourse except to indict the Nixon Administration for its failure to provide leadership in solving the nation's educational ills." — National Education Association (1.2 million members), New York Times September 17, 1972

A five-state survey of southwestern colleges and universities has disclosed substantial underrepresentation of Mexican-American students in proportion to the college-age population.

The study was conducted by the College Entrance Examination Board among a sample of administrators of 153 colleges and universities in Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas, where 80 to 90 percent of the Chicanos live.

The study showed among other results that, in the fall of 1971, there were about 144,000 Mexican-American undergraduates in the five states—100,000 fewer than would be proportional to the college-age population. The study projected an enrollment this academic year at about 163,000, or 11 percent, of the total enrollment as compared with 10 percent in 1971. — M. S. Handler, New York Times, September 24, 1972.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE EXCITING by Charles and Frances Hunter (Gospel Light, paper, 162 pp.) This book is an intimate, personal sharing of "BE-attitudes" by a husband and wife who have an exciting marriage. (Be honest; be courteous; be forgiving; be fun to live with, etc.)

Beyond the Ironing Board

For years—many years—in fact, since I was in the fifth grade—I have been writing just for the fun of writing. Most of the writing was done on the back of bulletins, programs, school assignments, and as the years passed, on the backs of recipes, grocery lists, and the like.

About four years ago I decided to get serious about writing and see if I could get anywhere with it. I went to a conference at the Sunday School Board in Nashville to learn to write curriculum materials and, supposedly, to receive some curriculum writing assignments. I never got one—some blow to my ego, that's for sure.

However, that week I did meet a book editor who asked me to contribute to a book. He said, "I've been looking for an article to the right person at HOME LIFE for me, and finally asked me to write THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME. So, I finally got over begrudging the cost of the week in Nashville."

Then I entered a contest for a seat in a 40-member seminar sponsored by the Christian Writers Council in Lake Placid, Florida, and won a seat. Charlie Shedd is the Director of the Council and directed the seminar. Joining him were Dr. Elton Trueblood, Charles Merrill Smith, and Floyd Thatcher.

They told us aspiring writers many important things that week. A few things shocked us—things like the fact that the average book does well to sell 5,000 copies. Of course, all of us there knew that our books, if we ever wrote one, would be far above average, so we dismissed that sobering fact from our minds.

The real shocker—to me, at least—was the time when Charlie Shedd said, "You must recognize something about yourself from the outset. You are egotistical—all writers are egotistical. Most of us are very egotistical."

It took me a while to admit it to myself. At first I thought, Well, I guess I'm not much of a writer, then, if a writer is egotistical. Finally, I decided that writers are egotistical. We're bound to be—trying to talk editors everywhere into publishing all the good things we have written!

So, while I may be egotistical, I promise you that I really did not say myself what last week's column said. I promise you I wrote the sentence this way: This will sound like sheer heresy coming from an English teacher (with a Master's Degree) and an aspiring writer. That aspiring bit means "still hoping and trying."

I guess Charlie Shedd really is right. I liked the way inspiring looked!

That is a good book which is opened with expectation, and closed with delight and profit.—Amos Bronson Alcott

Choose an author as you choose a friend.—Earl of Roscommon

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NEWEST BOOKS

BROADMAN DEVOTIONAL ANNUAL (Broadman, paper, 192 pp.) This book of devotional meditations is designed for personal and individual use. A Scripture reference is suggested for each day, with a printed meditation related to the Scripture. Readings for each week include background and/or devotional Scriptures supporting the following Sunday's lesson. The underlying theme of the annual is the affirmation of the Christian faith and its implementation in the devotional life. The more than fifty writers of the book were chosen from Broadman Press's most widely read authors. They include Donald F. Ackland, John Bisagno, Joe T. Odle, Howard Colson, James Sullivan, W. A. Criswell, Lofton Hudson, Jack Taylor, Bob Harrington, John Warren Steen, Sarah Walton Miller, and others.

FIRST CORINTHIANS FOR TODAY by Robert J. Dean (Broadman, 160 pp., paper) Although the text of I Corinthians is explained briefly, this book is more concerned with the application and illustration of Paul's teachings. The author contends that the problems of Corinth are mirrored in the lives of people today, and applies Paul's counsel to the solving of modern problems.

DEVOTIONAL DRAMAS FOR CHRISTMAS (by Sarah Walton Miller (Broadman,

paper, 95 cents, 32 pp.) Brief, different, and easy to produce, these seven dramatic features can be used for assembly programs or worship services. They require little if any stage setting or special costumes. They can lead people to see the Christmas story from a fresh viewpoint.

THE CHURCH AND THE ECOLOGICAL CRISIS by H. Barnette (Wm. B. Eerdmans, paper, \$2.25, 114 pp.) The response to the ecological crisis from the Christian church has been apathetic. Dr. Barnette, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in this book focuses the light of biblical understanding regarding man and nature on this important issue. He includes specific suggestions for both individual and church. Appendices include a model sermon on ecology, as well as listings of helpful books and films.

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC, 1973 (Yankee, Inc., Dublin, N. H., 60 cents) Now off the press is the 181st anniversary edition of the original Robert B. Thomas Farmer's Almanac, published every year since 1792. Its 176 pages include planting tables, zodiac secrets, recipes, weather forecasts, astronomical tables, tides, holidays, eclipses, jokes, maps, and dozens of quaint and delightful illustrations.

NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE by Daniel March (Kregel, \$5.95, 336 pp.) This unusual topical work draws significant truths and applications from 23 night-time events of the Bible. From Lot's last night in Sodom to the night of Paul's shipwreck, the volume is full of the imagery of scenes pictured by a master storyteller, and packed with emotion and truth.

CHRIST AND THE MODERN MIND edited by Robert W. Smith (InterVarsity, 312 pp., paper, \$3.50) Guidelines which are designed to help the college student find his experience more exciting, challenging and rewarding. The book attempts to show that Jesus Christ relates to all life including the universities curricula. Twenty-six different contributors discuss the meaning of Christ in the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences. The book seeks to show that a student does not have to abandon his Christian faith when he enters the classroom.

REFLECTIONS ON THE MANSON TRAIL by Rosemary Baer (Word, 173 pp., \$4.95) The wife of a juror of the widely discussed Manson trial publishes her recorded day-by-day reactions to the trial and reports on how God gave her strength to bear the months of separation from her husband.

Baptist Family Faces: What Should You Do When Hippies Move Next Door?

By Mrs. Bill Watson
ELKVILLE, Ill. (BP) — What do you do when a hippie commune, that indulges in free sex and drugs, moves in next door?

Well, that happened to our family about two years ago.

At that time, my husband Bill and our three teenage daughters were renting my uncle's house three miles east of Elkhart.

Four boys and three girls, ages 19-21, moved into a run-down four-room house nearby. Most of them were from the Skokie area of Chicago.

All seven were on drugs. All were alienated from their families. All were Jewish. They had practically no money. They made leather good, such as belts and purses, which they planned to peddle.

The house they rented had no plumbing, no electricity, no indoor bath. For heat, they used a old pot-belly wood-burning stove. They made candles for light.

They were dirty. They wore big boots, caked with mud. You can imagine how they smelled, since they would go up to two weeks without a shower.

Well, I can't exactly say these kids were welcome. Bill, especially, didn't like long hair. Most of the people in Elkhart resented them. Angry because they had invaded our home town, Bill and some of the neighbors even threatened to rent the house out from under them.

But to our surprise, God answered our prayers by bringing these free-loving, pot-smoking youngsters almost next door.

You see, I was in a group that had been praying for unsaved students at nearby Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. We had plans to go to Carbondale to witness to the students and had even rehearsed our "speeches."

We suddenly realized we had a responsibility to witness to the young people right next door who needed Christ.

We soon found a common denominator in all seven of the kids. Each was starved for love. One of the boys said he never remembers his mother kissing him. Not that their parents didn't love them—but the only way they know to express love was through material things.

Most of their parents were business and professional people in Chicago. They had good incomes, but their kids were dying for love. And it was love that we tried to show them, even though at first it was hard because of our prejudice toward long hairs.

We made contact in small ways at first, such as giving them a ride to town. Sometimes we took them homemade pies.

We made it clear that we didn't approve of their drugs, or of free sex. And they promised they would not push drugs to the Elkhart kids.

Not everyone in Elkhart approved of our efforts. Some said it was poor influence on our own teenagers. But if we had prayed for courage to go to Carbondale, to witness how could we refuse to witness on our doorstep?

On a bitter cold February night last year, I noticed two of the boys looking in our window. It was snowing. I motioned them to come in.

"We've been faking it," one of them said. "We're out of money. We have no gas for our truck, and no stove wood. We're hungry."

We told them to bring their sleeping bags and move into our basement for the night. While they were coming, I made a pot of hot potato soup, and popped big bins of corn.

They were wet, cold, hungry, and muddy. They ate everything in sight. Then we sat around for a long time, just talking.

"This is the night I've got to say something about Jesus," I thought. And I did. Within a few weeks, two of them accepted Jesus Christ. Eventually, six of the seven became Christians.

The change was radical. They cleaned up, not only spiritually and morally, but also physically. They dropped the use of drugs, and cut their hair. They took showers regularly at our house.

After they became convinced that free sex was wrong, the girls moved into our basement.

Since then, the group has scattered. Some have married. Others have gotten jobs. And our family looks back on last year as the greatest year of our lives. We can hardly believe what happened.

One of them joined a Church of God, and two the Pentecostal Church. Another belongs to a Catholic-related body.

None of them chose to become Baptists, although they liked our pastor at First Baptist Church, Elkhart, James Kerley, and our members. I think it was the love and spirited music of the Pentecostal groups that attracted them.

It was not easy for us. I'm a meticulous housekeeper. Our family takes off their shoes when they come in the kitchen door; but these kids

came tracking in with muddy boots, fleas and lice.

But it was worth it. I have received some of the most heartwarming letters from these young people and their parents.

Some of the parents have had difficulty accepting their sons' becoming Christians. But unanimously, they appreciate the love we gave them and the change that has come about in their lives.

One father wrote his son: "I'm glad these people at Elkhart could show you love. Sorry I wouldn't show it while you were growing up. Although I don't favor you being a Christian, I respect you for your belief and appreciate what has happened."

We have met some of the parents. One of them told me, "It's not for me—but ain't it wonderful what's happened to these kids? My world is making money. That's all I've ever known."

On Father's Day, Bill, affectionately called a "red-neck" by some of the kids, got this note: "Through this winter, you brought me through my adolescence (hippie day). And thank you for bringing me down to earth. My own father couldn't have done, or didn't do better."

Another wrote: "I hope you know how much you all mean to me, for all the TLC (tender loving care) you have given us. Before I left, I drove by your house, but the lights were out, so I didn't stop. I wanted you to see and touch and drive my motorcycle, because I wanted to share my happiness with you. I don't have a job yet. Please pray for me."

And a mother wrote me, "I don't know how to thank you and Bill for everything you did for our son. No words can really express how we feel. I didn't think there were people as good, and kind as you in this mixed-up world."

Harvest Day At Straight Bayou

Harvest Day-Homcoming will be observed at Straight Bayou Church, Sharkey County, November 5, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. J. Harold Jones.

Rev. J. Q. Williams, former pastor of the church and now of Springfield, Louisiana, will preach at 11 a.m. followed by Harvest Day dinner at noon.

An early afternoon service will feature both congregational singing and special services by several visiting and local groups. Music for the entire day will be under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jones of Jackson.

The church's annual Harvest Day offering will be used both for the budget and building improvements program.

Former members and friends will be special guests.

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Religion And The Presidents

The religious affiliation and views of any President in office are of public interest. But what about Presidents of the past? Worship practices, theological opinions and church ties, or lack of them, among the succession of White House residents are often lost in history's footnotes. The eight Presidents shown here illustrate the diversity of our Christ Executives' religious habits. They are, clockwise from top:

George Washington. Our first President could be called a "nominal Anglican." While his attendance at worship was probably spotty, he nevertheless kissed the Bible at his first inauguration and often spoke of divine Providence. (There are historical evidences, which, although disputed report that Washington was baptized by Baptist Chaplain, John Gano. There is no evidence, however, that he became active as a Baptist member—Ed.)

Thomas Jefferson. The author of the Bill of Rights and a champion of religious liberty, Jefferson was, like Washington, a "nominal Anglican." And, like many of the Founding Fathers, he had deist (universalist) tendencies in theology.

James K. Polk. He is possibly the only President who literally became a church member on his death bed. He and his wife were faithful worshippers at First Presbyterian church in Washington during his term but a few days before he died in 1849, he was baptized by a Methodist clergyman.

Abraham Lincoln. Although he attended Presbyterian services, Lincoln never officially belonged to any church. He was, however, a man of deep spiritual faith. "I feel that I am a part of the shortest Presidential term due to his assassination, was a lay preacher of the Disciples of Christ before turning to politics.

Herbert Hoover. Like the current resident of the White House, Richard Nixon, Hoover was a Quaker. In his race against Alfred E. Smith, a Roman Catholic, in 1928, religion became a dominant issue. The election spurred ongoing attempts to rid the nation of religious prejudice.

John F. Kennedy. Up to now, Kennedy is the only Roman Catholic to be elected President.

Dwight D. Eisenhower. Although he grew up in a family belonging to the River Brethren, a part of the Mennonite tradition, Eisenhower joined the United Presbyterian Church on the day of his inauguration in 1953. —(RNS Photo)



"THE COSMIC COMMUNITY COWBOY BAND"—That's what the seven "hippies" who moved next door to Mrs. Bill Watson (right) of Elkhart, Ill., called themselves. As a result of Mrs. Watson's witness and expressions of concern, six of the seven youth became Christians. Two of the six include Michael Toppel (left), playing with a puppy, and Jeff Letz, who looks on. (BP) Photo by Robert J. Hastings

Two Top SBC Officers Deliver Staley Lecture Series At MC

Mississippi College was host this week to the two top officers in the Southern Baptist Convention as Dr. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, president of the SBC, and Dr. James E.

Visitors Throng Lexington's First Homecoming Since '49

First Church, Lexington, was the scene of homecoming day on October 8, the first such event there since 1949. More than 400, the largest crowd ever to attend a single service in the church, was present, including many former members and out of town visitors.

The church was established in 1846. The present sanctuary, completed in 1929, has a Star of David stained glass window over the entrance; the window was taken from the original wood structure occupying the same site in 1890.

Rev. Gus Merritt, pastor, presided over the day's events. Rev. Frank Gunn of Biloxi preached at 11 a.m. and Rev. David Pratt of Winona preached at 1:30. Both are former pastors at Lexington. Another former pastor who spoke during the afternoon was Dr. Judson Chastain, who is retired and lives in Grenada. A noon meal was served at the church.

Mike Cothran, minister of music, directed the day's music program, assisted by the choir and by several college students. Mrs. Tom Cothran read a history of the church. Calvin Moore was chairman of the Homecoming Committee.

The \$5,200 homecoming offering will be used in the current project of remodeling the sanctuary, and for new carpet and pews.

Coggin of Fort Worth, Texas, first vice-president, lecturers in the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series.

The two were on-campus to discuss the topic "The Place of the Church in the Everyday Lives of People in the Future."

Dr. Coover, a layman and president of Mississippi Chemical Corporation, addressed the student body during chapel exercises on Monday, while Dr. Coggin, pastor of the Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, was the chapel speaker on Wednesday.

In between the two chapel services, the leaders met with classes in the various academic departments of the college and had special session with designated groups.

On Monday they had lunch in the B. C. Rogers Student Center with Baptist pastors throughout the greater Jackson area, while that evening they gathered with student pastors at the college for a dinner meeting.

The Mississippi College Division of Religion faculty had lunch with the two visitors on Tuesday and Dr. Coggin served as guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Baptist Student Union Tuesday night.

The Staley Distinguished Lecture Series was established at Mississippi College in 1969 by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Staley of Rye, N. Y., in memory of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Staley and Judge and Mrs. H. H. Haynes of Bristol, Tenn.

The Staley Foundation is firmly persuaded that the message of the Christian Gospel, when proclaimed in its historic fullness, is always contemporary, relevant, and meaningful to any generation.

To this end the Foundation seeks to bring to the college and university campuses of America distinguished scholars who truly believe and who can—clearly communicate to students.

SCRAPBOOK

Autumn

A haze on the far horizon,
The infinite, tender sky,
The ripe, rich tint of the cornfields,
And the wild geese sailing high;
And all over upland and lowland
The charm of the golden-rod,
Some of us call it Autumn,
And others call it God.

—W. H. Carruth

Today

What next morn's sun may bring,
forbear to ask; But count each day
that comes by gift of chance So much
to the good.

—Horace (65-8 B.C.)

Anger Is Harmful

Anger is often more harmful than the injury caused that caused it. When Leonardo da Vinci was working on his painting, "The Last Supper," he became angry with a certain man. Losing his temper he lashed the other fellow with bitter words and threats. Returning to his canvas he attempted to work on the face of Jesus, but was unable to do so. He was so upset he could not compose himself for the painstaking work. Finally he put down his tools and sought out the man and asked his forgiveness. The man accepted his apology and Leonardo was able to return to his workshop and finish painting the face of Jesus.

A Doubting Heart

Where are the swallows fled?
Frozen and dead,
Perchance upon some bleak and stormy shore.
O doubting heart!
Far over purple seas,
They wait in sunny ease,
The balmy, Southern breeze
To bring them to their Northern homes once more.

Why must the flowers die?
Prisoned they lie
In the cold tomb, heedless of tears or rain.
O Doubting heart!
They only sleep below
The soft white ermine snow
While winter winds shall blow,
To breathe and smile upon you soon again.

Fair hope is dead, and light
Is quenched in night.
What sound can break the silence of despair?
O doubting heart!
The sky is overcast,
Yet stars shall rise at last,
Brighter for darkness past,
And angels' silver voices stir the air.
—Adelaide A. Procter

Strolling

Strolling along the path today
I had to stop and pray,
For all I know who've lost their way
Amidst their work and play.
As I strolled on, I tried to take
A closer look at me,
And see the me, that others see
Instead of the me, I see.
So I pause right now
And my head I bow,
In shame, remorse I pray,
O Lord, make me, the me
You'd rather I be!
Instead of the me I see!
—Martha Ann Davis

Bright Blue Of October

O suns and skies and clouds of June,
And flowers of June together,
Ye cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather.
—From October's Bright Blue Weather
by Helen Hunt Jackson (1831-1885)

Journalism

Journalism consists in buying white paper at 2 cents a pound and selling it at 10 cents a pound—Charles A. Dana (1819-1897)

The "Crazy" Old Man And The Shelter

They laughed at his predictions odd
And ridiculed the preacher-man
As he the shelter built
And told the strangest plan.

They scoffed at his remarks
That soon the world would end,
And continued to live and toil
In their same old, familiar trend.

They mocked and called him crazy-man
As he'd hammer and saw away.
And still he pled with them
As he worked hard each day.

There was a place for animals;
Someone peered in that
Whoever heard of that?
The laughter would begin!

The children threw small stones,
Some men did, too,
When the shelter was built
And the old man was through.

It all seemed very strange.
Yes, this old man was wrong;
And that was had enough.
But why'd his family go along?

He waved his arms in his last plea
To milling crowds around.
They shouted a loud "boo"
And jeered and mocked and frowned.

His eyes were filled with tears
As he and his family went in.
He knew all those outside
Were doomed and lost in sin.

They turned to homes and toil,
But no one could forget
The words of that crazy old man
And his predicted threat.

He said there'd be a flood;
When all they'd had was dew.
How crazy can he be?
The skies were very blue!

The following days were lovely,
Bright blue and cloudless sky.
Everyone was rushing about;
A week passed swiftly by.

Then, suddenly it happened!
The drops began to fall.
"It's just a heavy dew,"
They said in one accord, "That's all."

The clouds did whirl and boil like mad
As rain in torrents thundered down.
They cried and cursed and yelled and
As they began to drown.

The "crazy" old man was Noah,
The shelter was the ark.
Built large enough for all
Who had faith to embark.

Our ark of safety is Jesus;
There's room for everyone.
Right now He pleads for you
To be an heir and son.

Come now to His safe ark;
The door is opened wide.
The storm is gathering fast;
Don't sink beneath the tide!
—Ruby Singley



Autumn's Graceful Face

A half-bare tree produces a graceful pattern against fall skies, reminding us of John Donne's words: "No Spring nor Summer beauty hath such grace, as I have seen in one autumnal face." — (RNS Photo)

Names In The News

Dr. Helen Falls, professor of missions at New Orleans Seminary, will teach the mission book, *Europe, A Mission Field*, on November 12 at First Church, Quitman (Rev. Joe Walker, pastor). It will be a church-wide study. Dr. Falls received the M. R. E. degree from Southern Seminary and Ed.D. degree from Columbia University. She has written numerous articles for denominational periodicals and has traveled extensively in 25 countries on four continents visiting mission work. Mrs. Harold Akins is WMU director at First, Quitman.

Wanda Fae Crawley has assumed duties as choir director at Hebron Church, Sardis. Miss Crawley attended Delta State College and now is studying at William Carey College where she is majoring in religious education and minoring in music. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Crawley of Batesville. Hebron Church recently presented to her a money tree.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ray, missionary associates who have been serving temporarily in Japan, have moved to Thailand where he will be pastor of English-speaking Calvary Baptist Church. They may be addressed at Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand.

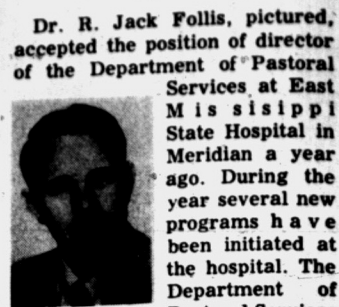


Melita Ann Shoemaker, talented young musician from Clara, is pictured at the organ of First Church, Newton. At the invitation of Dewitt Pickering, minister of Music, Melita Ann, freshman at Clarke, will be playing for evening worship at First Church as often as she is in Newton on Sunday evenings. According to the attractive young organist with the nimble fingers and sparkling green eyes, that will be often. Melita Ann's father and brother both serve First Church, Clara as music directors. A 1972 graduate of Wayne Academy, Melita Ann will be accompanying the Clarke College Choir and the singing ensemble, The Clarke College Singers.

Rev. and Mrs. S. Payton Myers, missionaries on medical leave from Nigeria, may now be addressed at Box 64, Columbia, Miss. 39429.

Miss Cornelia Brower, retired Southern Baptist missionary, died at Temuco, Chile, Oct. 11, a victim of cancer. She was 76. Burial was Oct. 13 in this city, her home for 50 years. Born in Orange, N. J., Miss Brower grew up in Hendersonville, N. C., and Sumter, S. C. Miss Brower was

appointed in 1921 to assist missionary Agnes Graham in founding a school at Temuco. The Baptist Academy opened in 1922 with 60 boys and girls enrolled. In 1971 the enrollment for kindergarten through secondary grades was 924. She retired at the age of 70, but continued to live in Chile.

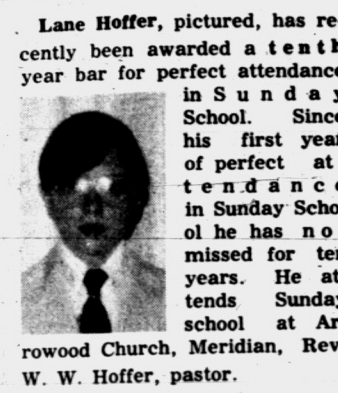


Dr. R. Jack Follis, pictured, accepted the position of director of the Department of Pastoral Services at East Mississippi State Hospital in Meridian a year ago. During the year several new programs have been initiated at the hospital. The Department of Pastoral Services now has a more clearcut organizational structure, placing the chaplain on a comparable level with other departmental directors. The hospital has the only accredited Association of Clinical Pastoral Education training program in the state. Currently five clergymen are involved in this training program. Native of Texas, Dr. Follis holds the Doctor of Education degree from New Orleans Seminary. He formerly served as pastor of Lake-shore Church in Mississippi and as Protestant chaplain for Orleans Parish Prison in New Orleans. He did his chaplain internship at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans.

Rev. and Mrs. David N. Mayhall, missionaries on leave from Nigeria, may now be addressed at P. O. Box 941, Greenville, Miss. 38701.



Rev. Granville Watson, pastor, announces that Don Murray, pictured, has accepted the call as minister of music at Moorhead Church, Native of Weakley County, Tenn., Murray attended University of Tenn. and Miss. Delta Jr. College. Assistant manager of Radio Station WNLA, Indianola, since 1966, he will continue in this capacity. From 1964 to 1966, he worked with Station WKLB in Covington, Tenn. He has served as Sunday School teacher and Sunday School director, Bus Outreach director, and deacon in Second Church, Indianola. He has served in the Sunflower County Association as Sunday School Director. In Second, Indianola, he served as part-time minister of music. He and his wife, Cindy, have two children, Randy, 9, and Tracy, 2.



Lane Hoffer, pictured, has recently been awarded a tenth year bar for perfect attendance in Sunday School. Since his first year of perfect attendance in Sunday School he has not missed for ten years. He attends Sunday school at Arrowood Church, Meridian. Rev. W. W. Hoffer, pastor.



Ten Licensed Practical Nurses at Mississippi Baptist Hospital recently completed a course in team nursing to become Advanced Team members — or ATMS, pronounced "Atoms." Seated from left to right are Mrs. Gladys Bryant, Miss Ouida Millsaps and Mrs. Janie White. Standing from left to right are Mrs. Eurice Weaver, Mrs. Judy Lucky, Mrs. Catherine Claneill and Mrs. Naomi Coleman. Not pictured are Mrs. Nola Orcutt, Mrs. Twylak Bennett and Mrs. Carol Sanders.



William Carey College Religious Education Association has elected officers for 1972-73. From left the group includes: Dr. Joel Ray, professor of religious education, and sponsor for the organization; Bob Terry, social chairman; Kathy Smith, public relations chairman; Beverly Tice, secretary; Elizabeth Brown, vice-president; and Bob Bude, president. The objectives of the R. E. Association are to develop leadership skills, promote work and fellowship opportunities, and to encourage extra-curricular activities among the members.

Dr. and Mrs. John D. W. Watts, missionaries to India, may now be addressed at Serampore College, Hooghly District, Serampore, West Bengal.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Lites, missionaries who have completed a medical leave, were scheduled to depart Oct. 25 for Taiwan (address: Box 427, Taipei 100, Taiwan, Republic of China).

Greenfield Presents New A.C.T.

"Greenfield Church Greenville, presents Academy of Christian Training with enthusiasm, interest, and eagerness in 1972-73. This new approach in our church training is designed to meet personal wants and needs. Also, it gives members of Greenfield Church opportunities for growth in Christian living and training for effective service," reports Ellen Oswalt, member of the church.

A. C. T. is a program where special courses are taught over a twelve-week period. For the Adult Department, there are courses available in Practical Christianity, The Witnessing Life, The Romance of Christian Living, and The Baptist Adult. The Book of Books is a course offered in Bible. Evangelism is an area where the books *The Witness Within You*, *Jesus is Lord*, and *Witness Involvement Now* are taught.

With a new television season underway the networks have begun to provide some educational programming for children. Baptists through their Radio and Television Commission pioneered children's television programming in 1968 with the creation of "JOT."



There were clowns and dart throws at the "Kuntry Fair" which introduced Greenfield's Academy of Christian Training.

Doctrine includes studies in New Member Orientation and The New Community. There is also an area of special studies; Fundamentals of Music, Christianity and World Religions, and Church Leader Training.

The Youth Department has courses available in the same areas. The fourth, fifth, and six grades, and the younger groups will resume their usual church training lessons.

For the Adult and Youth divisions, classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. during regular church training time. At the conclusion of the course of study, members will have opportunities to enroll in other classes or to repeat the same course.

To kick off A. C. T., Academy of Christian Training, the church had an oldtime "Kuntry Fair." The purpose for the fair was to enroll members in new courses. After each member was enrolled, he was given a ticket to enjoy the rest of the entertainment of the fair.

Each teacher of a course had his own booth. Members would stop and listen to the explanation of the course. If they wanted to enroll in that particular course, they would; if not, they moved to the next teacher and booth. Classes offered to the Adults

this quarter were Growing in Oneness, The Book of Books, The Baptist Adult, and Fundamentals of Music. The Youth are beginning their first quarter with The Romance of Christian Living, Commitment To Love, Fundamentals of Music, and Christianity and World Religions.

After members were enrolled, they enjoyed popcorn, cakes, cookies, and old-fashioned ice-cream while watching or participating in the dart throw, the sponge throw, hit the blocks, or the pony rides. Also there were clowns and the usual "Kuntry fair" spirit and dress. A total of 206 were present, and 206 enrolled in Academy of Christian Training. Enrollment in regular church training is 196.

Mississippi Men Place Third

Baptist men in Mississippi with 642 credits placed third among states in Brotherhood training awards earned during the church year ending September 30.

Other states in the top 10 were Florida, 847; South Carolina, 663; Georgia, 532; Tennessee, 477; Alabama, 362; Oklahoma, 312; California, 190; Virginia, 175, and Texas, 171.

A total of 4,771 awards were earned in the Category of training the last 12 months.

Elmer Howell is director of Brotherhood work for Mississippi Baptists; Paul Harrell is his associate.

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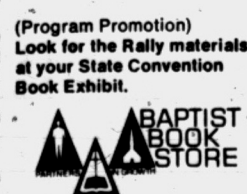
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Tate Association Opposes Legalizing Of Alcoholic Drinks

On November 7 Tate Counties will have the responsibility of voicing their convictions concerning the legalization of alcoholic beverages.

Tate County Baptist Association, in annual meeting on October 17 at New Hope Church, adopted a resolution expressing their "strict opposition to the legalization of any and all alcoholic beverages" and stating, "Whereas God has said in His Word that it is unwise for Christians to have anything to do with alcohol as a beverage, and whereas it is important for every Christian who is eligible to vote to be mindful of his responsibility... we will do all within our power and right to make known to all Tate Counties the great dangers involved in legalizing these beverages."

If you expect perfection from people, your whole life is a series of disappointments, grumbings and complaints. If, on the contrary, you pitch your expectations low, taking folks as the inefficient creatures which they are, you are frequently surprised by having them perform better than you had hoped. — Bruce Barton.



Church And State Issues Call For Clear Understanding

By Clifton J. Allen
Daniel 6; Matthew 2:15-23
Acts 4:1-13

Our nation has had a deep-rooted commitment to and a Constitutional safeguard about the separation of church and state even from the beginning. As our entire social situation has become more complex, varied and serious issues have arisen: prescribed prayer or prescribed Bible reading in the public schools; the use of tax funds for church-controlled schools and benevolent institu-



tions; compulsory church or chapel attendance at military academies; the validity of church lobbying; and others, all with refinements and varied applications. The need is urgent, on the part of Christians and non-Christians, for better understanding of these issues and for clear thinking about them. The Bible does not give pat answers, but it does set forth basic principles to guide the Christian's conscience and duty in relation to the state.

The Lesson Explained
EFFORTS TO TRAP JESUS
(Matt 22:15-22)

The Pharisees thought that they had involved Jesus in a hopeless dilemma. Jesus knew that malice, their hypo-

crisy. With perfect wisdom, using a coin with Caesar's image, Jesus told his questioners that they owned tribute to Caesar and that they were under obligation to God; they were to give to Caesar what was Caesar's, but their first and supreme duty was to God.

There are many obligations owed by all people, including Christians, to the state. For example: the payment of taxes, respect for and observance of law, the honest and intelligent use of the ballot, defense of the nation against aggression, and active involvement for the support of civic righteousness and the execution of public justice. These obligations in no way hinder the fulfillment of one's ob-

ligations to God or one's proper relationship to the church. People who are not members of the church and who do not worship God are still under the obligation of the law of conscience to respect the rights of those who worship God and who give their highest loyalty to their religious faith.

BAN ON PREACHING
(Acts 5:27-28)

The preaching of the resurrection of Jesus was a particular offense to the Sadducees, so that they had the apostles arrested. When they were brought before the Sanhedrin, the high priest reminded them that they had been charged not to teach in the name of Jesus but they had filled Jerusalem

with their teaching. Peter and the other apostles responded, "We ought to obey God rather than men." Members of the Sanhedrin wanted to kill the apostles but were restrained by the influence of Gamaliel. They did beat the apostles before releasing them, but the apostles continued to teach and preach the truth about Jesus.

This incident impresses the fact that civil authority or the state may undertake to restrict the freedom of religion, control the conscience, and limit the church in the performance of its mission. The principle of religious liberty has been denied, and unnumbered persons have either suffered or died for their religious faith. There have been many examples, also, when the institutionalized church has exercised the power to control civil government and to force religious requirements and practices on believers and nonbelievers alike. Injustice, leaderships, and unbelievable persecution have taken place. Christians believe that they are to give their supreme allegiance to Christ as Lord, irrespective of the hardship and suffering that may result.

SUPPORTING ROLES

The state should have a vital concern for the role of the church. The church should have a tremendous concern for the state as the instrument of government. Inevitably, the church and the state have mutual concerns: for righteousness and justice, for the moral fiber of the social order, for human dignity and rights, for benevolence toward the poor and destitute, and for education and training, the

state being concerned for all people and the church concerned especially for the education and training essential to its doctrine and its mission. These mutual concerns do not mean that church and state can rightly have any organic relationship. But church and state are to recognize their mutual interdependence and their supporting roles in free and voluntary cooperation for human well-being.

Truths to Live By
Issues call for clear understanding and honest interpretation. — The issues involved in the separation of church and state are intricate and complex. They are both legal and moral in nature. They involve government, which is ordained of God; and they involve religion, in which conscience should be free and inviolate. Christians should feel a sobering necessity to become qualified to think straight with respect to their own duty and to interpret in honest discussion with other persons the issues so crucial to liberty of conscience, to freedom of religion, and to moral strength in our nation's life.

Christian concern for the well-being of the state calls for initiative and action. — The voice of the church should be a prophetic declaration of the truth in the Bible, the word of God declaring judgment on evil and corruption, on greed and injustice, on bribery and irresponsibility. The Christian citizen must be willing to be involved in every way he can share in the democratic process to assure a quality in government that will assure righteousness in public life and a new day of hope for the vast numbers of suppressed and handicapped throughout our land.

The witness of the church must not be stifled by selfishness or compromise.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

At Bethel -- An Encounter With God

Genesis 28:10-17, 20-22

By Bill Duncan

Dan Harmon relates a story in his book, *A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to Heaven*. It seems that on a dreary December day a family was driving through the mountains scanning the snowcapped peaks for the big old Buffalo Mountain. Just as they spotted the mountain, the three-year-old saw a stream of sunlight flood down the mountainside and brighten the whole landscape.



"Oh, look, Daddy," she squealed. "God is coming through." The family laughed, but they knew that there was a lot to her childlike expression. Life can get heavy, dull, depressing, and sometimes hopeless, when God does not shine through.

Many a boy like Jacob who leaves home for the first time feels the pain of loneliness and fear. All the time our God who tries to communicate to us is trying to call us but too many times we refuse to pick up the receiver. The first night away from home becomes a trying experience.

Out on the trail toward Haran where his uncle lived, Jacob stopped to rest at a camp called Luz. In the night he had a vision of a ladder set upon earth that reached to heaven. From the gate to heaven God spoke to Jacob, identifying himself as Jehovah. The message of God was concerning the covenant first given to Abraham and now transmitted through Isaac to him. God promised to create a large family that would occupy the land given to Abraham. Jacob further received the assurance of God's protection and the return to the land from which he was fleeing.

Was the dream an encounter with God? Does God speak through experiences like this? The response on the part of Jacob led him to encounter God. He did not dismiss the dream as a "bad trip." To him the dream was a "bad trip." His response may not have been everything that it should have been but it was an encounter with the living God.

Any real experience with God will cause us to be aware of certain characteristics of God. Isaiah was aware of God's holiness and his own sinfulness. No one can come in contact with God without something happening to him. The omnipresence of God means that wherever we are, even though we be like fleeing Jacob at Bethel, God himself is there. "Everything everywhere is immediately in His presence." Because of the presence of God, Jacob felt reverence toward him and wanted to make an altar to God on the spot. This new experience could be located in time and at a place called now Bethel, house of God.

The response to God on the part of Jacob was a confession of his insufficiency. He acknowledged his need and weakness. In return for God looking out for him, Jacob promised to tithe. Many have said that Jacob was trying to bargain with God, as he had done with Esau his brother.

Union Plans Open House

Open House will be held at the new pastorium of Union Church, Rankin County, on Sunday, November 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. Rev. J. T. Pannell is the pastor. Refreshments will be served in the educational annex. The public is invited.

The truth is that this was the very nature of Jacob. He had experienced a real encounter with God but he had not fully changed. This will take place in the future when even his name will become Israel.

Can you remember when the Lord broke through to you in an unmistakable way? You might not have had an emotional experience or trauma. But it was a refreshing, moving experience when you felt the power of God fully in your life and you made some definite decisions for the betterment of your life. It might have been in a country church during a revival. It might have been at an assembly. It might have been while you were a patient in a hospital. When and where reminds you of Bethel.

To encounter God does not produce automatic salvation. Satan encounters God. All men encounter God somehow. But it is the believing person who goes on to respond by giving self to God without strings to compromise. There is no way to make a bargain with God.

If a person has an encounter with God that produces faith, and he does

38th Avenue, Hattiesburg Calls Pastor

Rev. James D. McLemore, former pastor of Calvary Church, Silver Creek, has accepted a call to the pastorate of 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg.

Dr. Don Stewart, Chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at William Carey College, has been serving as interim pastor for 38th Avenue since October 27, 1971, following the disability retirement of Rev. Van C. Windham.

Mr. McLemore, born in Kansas City, Mo., is a graduate of Hazlehurst High School, holds a B. A. degree from Mississippi College, a B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary, and is completing the requirements for a doctoral degree from N. O. B. T. S. He is married to the former Lauren Boggan of Mendenhall, and they have one daughter, Cindy, 11.

Prior to moving to 38th Avenue, McLemore served pastorates at Gunnison, Tylertown, Oakvale, and Silver Creek.

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Clinton Boulevard Church, Jackson: Nov. 5-10; Rev. Billy R. Thomas, native of Jackson, former policeman, now pastor of Oak Grove Church, Simpson County, evangelist; music under direction of Charles Barker, minister of music at Crestwood, Jackson; Rev. G. A. McCoy, pastor.

Stewart Tent Revival: November 5-10; Rev. J. W. Brister, evangelist; C. H. (Pop) Stope, singer; services at 7 nightly; sponsored by local Baptist churches.

Glendale, Leland: November 5-12; "People to People Crusade"; Rev. Owen McCloud, pastor of Dover Church, Morristown, Tenn., evangelist (he has recently surrendered to full-time evangelism); Tommy Howard, minister of music, First Church, Leland, singer; services at 7:30 p.m.; (A special invitation is sent out to all the youth of Washington County.)

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Resigns At Big Creek

Rev. Mitchell Smith has resigned as pastor of Big Creek Church, Wayne County, to accept a call to Union Church, Waltham County.

During Pastor Smith's five years at Big Creek, the budget increased from \$7,000 to \$19,000, and 72 were baptized. Gifts to missions increased; Girls in Action, Acteens, Royal Ambassadors, and Brotherhood were organized; an addition to the educational facility was built, and the sanctuary redecorated; three deacons and one minister were ordained.

Active in Wayne Association, Mr. Smith delivered the associational message at the bi-annual meeting and was elected vice-moderator.

Church members to show love and appreciation for the pastor and his family, were hosts for a chicken supper. Gifts from the church and WMU were presented by Craig Mills and Mrs. Evon West.

First, Vicksburg Prepares For Lay Witness Mission

"Expect a Miracle" is the theme for the inter-denominational Lay Witness Mission scheduled for First Church, Vicksburg, Nov. 10-12.

General Chairman Charles Caldwell said some 60 witnesses from Mississippi and adjoining states are expected for the mission. Coordinators are Gene Triggs and Gene Turner, both lay members of First Church in Yazoo City, where a similar mission was held last year.

In preparing the Vicksburg congregation for the visiting witnesses, Dr. John McCall, pastor, has begun a series of Sunday morning sermons on the general topic, "Renewal."

Where missions have been held a general revival has been brought about among the laity, said Caldwell. The witnesses, he explained, come prepared to share what Christ has meant in their lives.

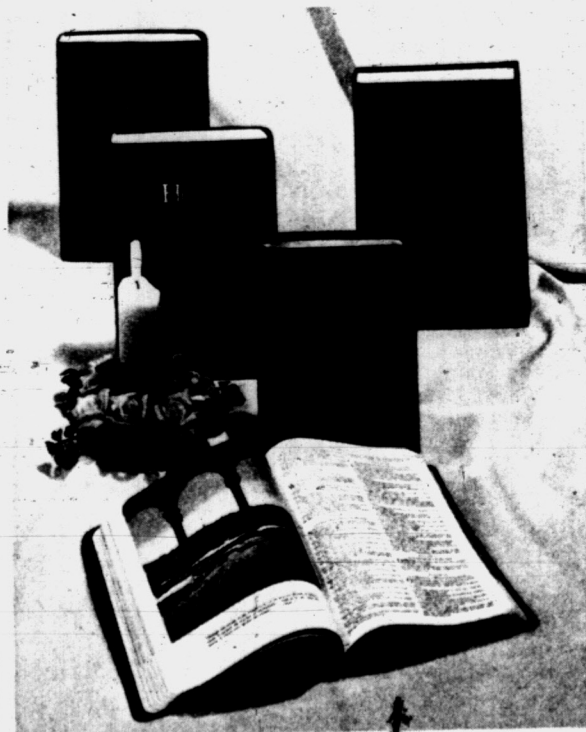
Key to the three-day mission, Friday through Sunday, is the Friday evening session, which will include a covered dish meal, singing and fellowship at the church.

Planned for Saturday will be breakfasts in host homes for witnessing team members, coffee group discussions led by the witnesses, a luncheon for church members and afternoon and evening large and small group sessions. Also special youth group meetings are planned.

On Sunday, the youth and adult division Sunday School departments and classes will be led by the witnesses and the worship hour will be under their direction. On Sunday evening, the Church Training time and the worship hour will be devoted to evaluation and projections by the church members.

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Devotional

What Is Salvation?

By B. F. Smith, professor emeritus, William Carey

For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10).

A minister asked a teen-age boy if he were a Christian. "Well," said the boy, "I've been saved several times, but I don't belong to any church right now." His reply was understandable, for he lived in a part of town served by a church that taught that salvation could be lost and then regained. Also, it pointed out the confusion of others on the same subject. The boy thought of salvation as temporary and that it came with church membership. But surely God did not send his Son to earth for a purpose so slippery as that.

I was the minister. For a quarter century the boy has been a symbol to me for all those as confused as he was. What is salvation, then? When and how does it come, and for how long? The first question will be dealt with in this article, and the others in later ones.

Salvation is, like love, "A many splendored thing," beyond my ability to define or explain completely. But I must try for the sake of those who don't have it and will never have peace until they get it. To be saved is to be out of danger, like a person snatched from drowning or from a burning house. In my case, for the first time in my life I was no longer afraid of the judgment. God had forgiven everything wrong I had ever done and blotted my sins off the record. Fear was gone from my teenage heart and peace had taken its place. I was safe, because I took Jesus at his word, repented, and trusted Christ to save me.

Gone also was the danger of wasting my life in useless endeavor. Instead there was a sense of purpose. Now I must ask God what to do with my life. Should I be a farmer and help feed people for the glory of God? Or a merchant and serve people with good merchandise, honest scales, and a fair price? Or a lawyer and plead for the right or run for public office and work for the common good? As it turned out, none of these vocations was for me, but I never got away from feeling that a life of purpose should follow salvation. With my future assured, my life-in-time must likewise be saved from misdirection and misuse.

To sum up, I took as my own point of view that which Mississippi's own Jim Sullivan was to express so neatly a half century later in words something like this: "Sure, conversion is the end of salvation, but it's the front end."

Next week: When does salvation come, and for how long?



Construction Begun At Ackerman

Ackerman Church held groundbreaking ceremonies Oct. 1 for the construction of additional educational facilities and sanctuary. Actual construction was begun on October 2 with completion date to be July, 1973. The building is being constructed by Perry Construction Company of Philadelphia, with Gilmore & Biggers of Jackson as architects. Rev. Dan Thompson is pastor.



Riverport To Erect Education Building

Riverport Church, Greenville, Washington County, recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new educational building. The \$60,000 building will include eight classrooms, office, library, storage area, fellowship area, and kitchen. The present sanctuary will be bricked and a baptistry added. Pictured are the pastor, Rev. Morris Jones, and members of the Building Committee, D. H. Cumberland (Chairman), Morris Lindsay, and Stanley N. Ingram, III.

Carey Spiritual Emphasis Week: November 6-9

"I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing" is the theme chosen for William Carey College's annual Spiritual Emphasis Week to be held November 6-9.

With emphasis on proclaiming the message of Christ through song and through missions, featured guests will be Dr. and Mrs. Clint Nichols, outstanding Christian musicians; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holifield, furloughing missionaries from Italy, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis, furloughing missionaries from Ghana, West Africa. Both the Holifields and the Davises have "missionary kids" studying this year at William Carey College.

Under the direction of Chaplain Jerry Oswalt, a student committee composed of the following students is involved in preparation and planning for "Spiritual Emphasis Week": Leann West, Nathan Blackwell (president of the Carey Ministerial Association), Robert Bade, Kim McCoy, and Trevor Ebanks. Also involved is Tim Thomas, associate BSU director for the campus.

The week's activities will include chapel performances by Dr. and Mrs. Nichols, missionary devotionals by the four Southern Baptist representatives, Christian films, dialogue sessions, fellowship periods and a BSU coffeehouse.

Hebron Calls Pastor

Rev. Phillip Caples, former pastor of Midway Church, Vardaman, has accepted the pastorate of Hebron Church, Sardis.

Mrs. Caples, the former Judy Brown, is the daughter of Loyd Brown and the late Mrs. Dessie M. Brown of Bruce.

Mr. Caples is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Caples of Derma.

They are both seniors at Blue Mountain College, where Mrs. Caples is majoring in physical education and Mr. Caples in Bible.

On October 7, they were given a pounding by their new church.



East Moss Point Ladies Win County Tournament

Pictured are winners of Jackson County Baptist Ladies Softball League Tournament. The team from East Moss Point Church finished in second place after regular seasonal play (smaller trophy), with a 6-4 won, lost record. First row, l to r, are Jane Gieger, Lisa Hammond, Edna Ruth Woodcock, Sue Carpenter. Second row, Doris White, Dot Morris, Beverly Sellers, Ruth Sellers. Third row, Margaret Sullivan, Marlene Westfaul, Beth Clark, Pete Wooley, Wilford Gieger, coach. Not pictured, Nancy Clark and Marcia Westfaul.



Central, McComb's new sanctuary is to be complete by January.

Construction Is Underway At Central McComb

Construction is underway on a new sanctuary for Central Church, McComb. The congregation plans a special service for Thanksgiving Eve, to be a shower using a fall motif and the building fund to be the "honoree," according to Rev. Curtis L. Williams, pastor.

Groundbreaking and dinner on the grounds took place July 16 and construction began in early August. The new structure should be complete by January of 1973. The members have raised \$73,000 of the estimated \$180,000 cost.

The building will be ultra-modern, the outside finished in aggregate cast stone. Two feet of glass will skirt the



Groundbreaking at Central, McComb

entire top of the walls, giving the appearance of a floating roof; also the cubicle under the steeple will be mostly of glass, and the steeple will be topped with an isometric cross.

Off The Record

Heavy Duty

"What do you do for exercise?" asked the doctor.

"Well, I shake the aerosol shaving cream can in the morning," the patient answered.

It's the Way You Look at It

Police Officers to lady driver who had parked beside a hydrant: "Lady, can't you read?"

Lady: "Why certainly. It says, 'Fine for parking'."

"How are the roads around here?" the stranger asked. "Fine," came the native's reply. "We've done a way with the bad roads in this country."

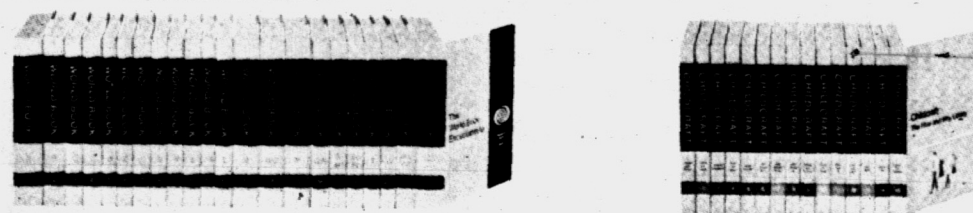
"Sort of a big job wasn't it?" asked the motorist. "Nope," the native answered, "whenever the going is especially hard, we don't call it a road. We call it a detour."

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